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VENUS
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MARS
8 MARIE CURIE
PLUTO
9 SUPERGIRL
MERCURY
:SOB!: I THOUGHT THE GIRLS AT STANHOPE COLLEGE IDOLIZED ME! BUT WHEN THEY VOTED FOR THE WOMAN THEY'D MOST LIKE TO BE...
...NINE NAMES WERE CHOSEN... FOR THE NINE PLANETS... FROM THE LARGEST TO THE SMALLEST! AND I CAME IN DEAD LAST!
EVERYONE HAS A TOUCH OF VANITY... EVEN SUPERGIRL! AND THAT VANITY RECEIVES A SHATTERING BLOW WHEN A SURVEY OF HER STANHOPE FRIENDS RATES THE MAID OF MIGHT AS...
"THE REJECTED SUPERGIRL!"
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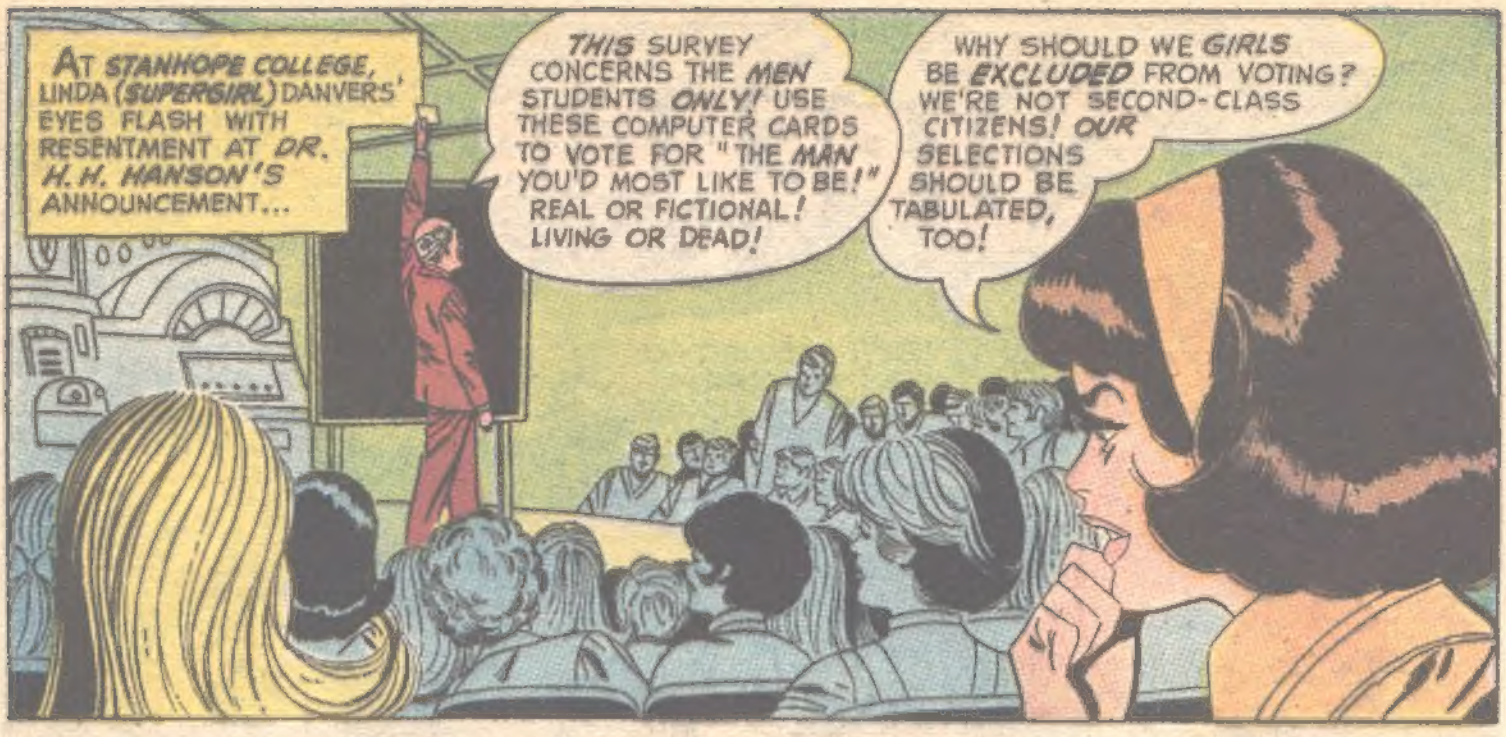
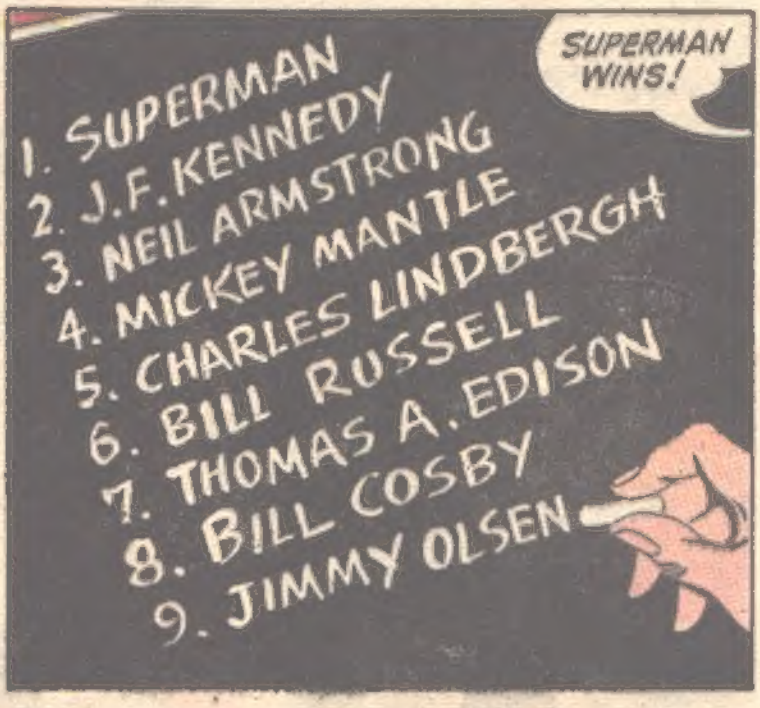
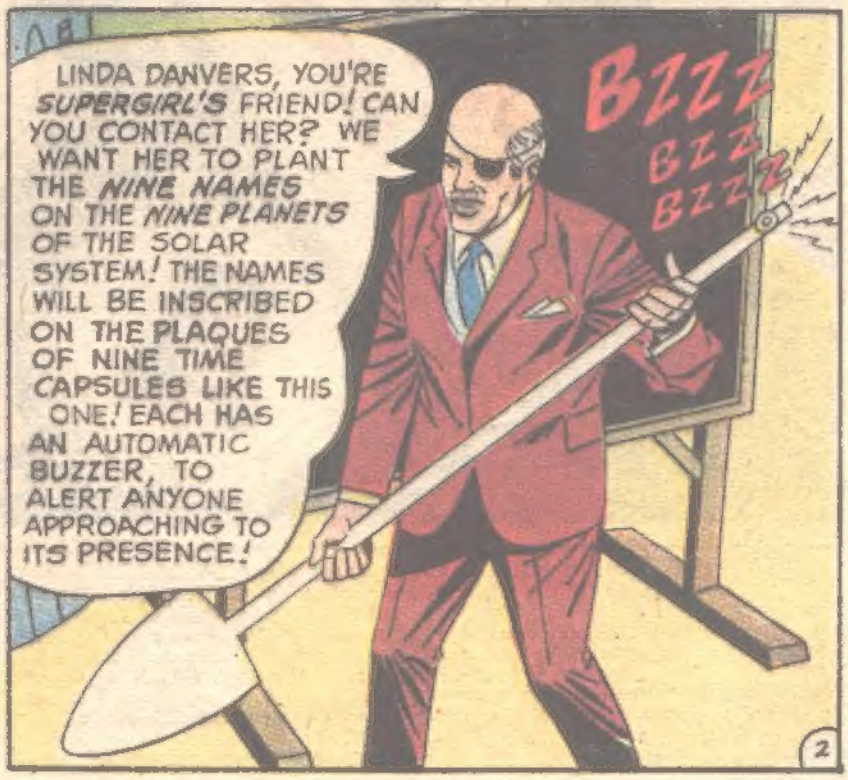
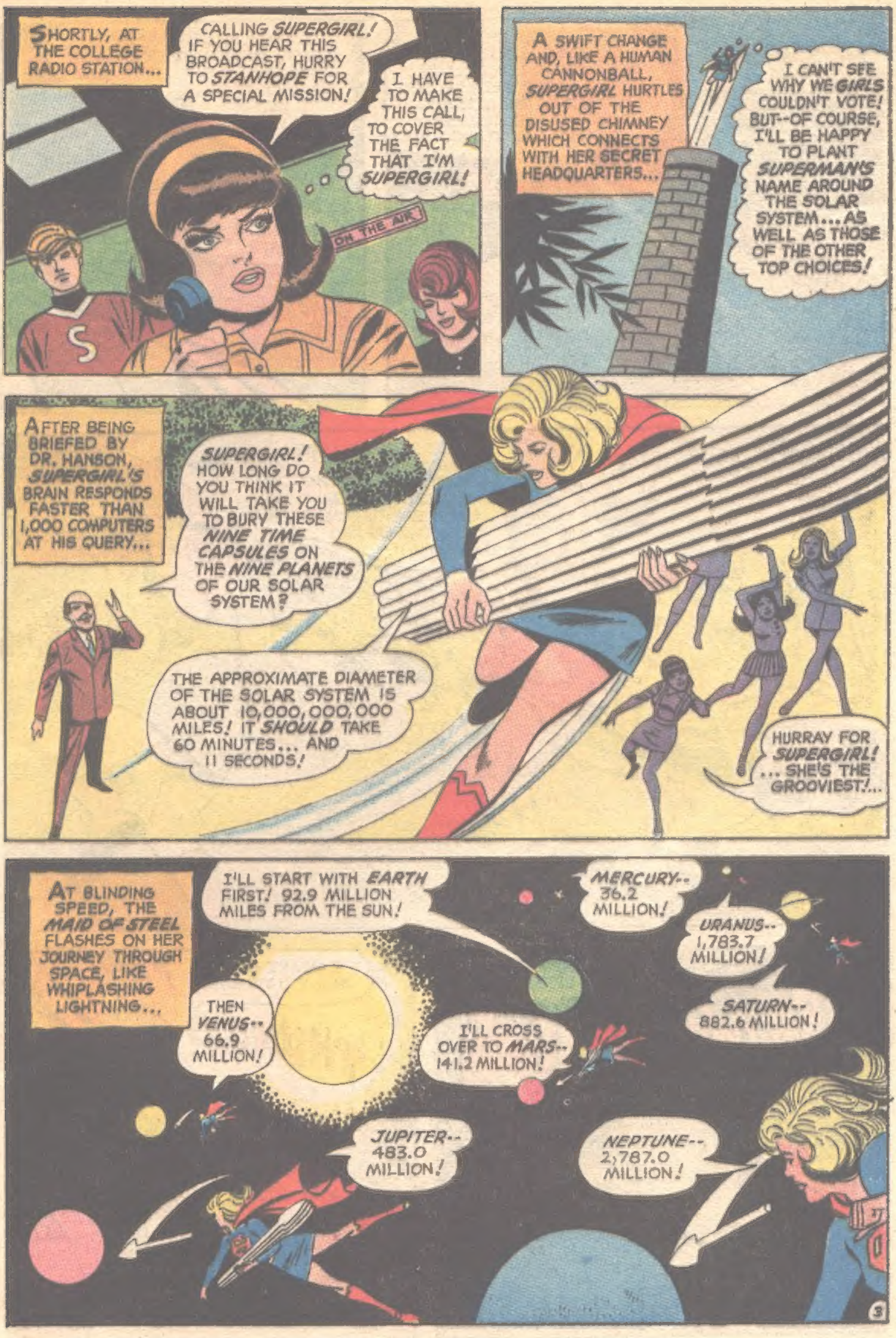

AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS' EYES FLASH WITH RESENTMENT AT DR. H.H. HANSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT...
THIS SURVEY CONCERNS THE MEN STUDENTS ONLY! USE THESE COMPUTER CARDS TO VOTE FOR "THE MAN YOU'D MOST LIKE TO BE!" REAL OR FICTIONAL! LIVING OR DEAD!
WHY SHOULD WE GIRLS BE EXCLUDED FROM VOTING? WE'RE NOT SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS! OUR SELECTIONS SHOULD BE TABULATED, TOO!

AFTER THE MEN STUDENTS HAND IN THEIR SECRET BALLOTS...
THE COMPUTER HAS RECORDED AND TABULATED YOUR SELECTIONS! I'LL WRITE THE TOP NINE ON THE BLACKBOARD, IN THE ORDER YOU'VE CHOSEN!
BZZ CLICK CLICK


SUPERMAN WINS!
1. SUPERMAN
2. J.F. KENNEDY
3. NEIL ARMSTRONG
4. MICKEY MANTLE
5. CHARLES LINDBERGH
6. BILL RUSSELL
7. THOMAS A. EDISON
8. BILL COSBY
9. JIMMY OLSEN

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE GIRLS COULDN'T HAVE VOTED, TOO! BUT THE RESULT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME! EVERYTHING WOULD HAVE COME UP SUPERMAN! AND I'M NOT THINKING THAT JUST BECAUSE HE'S MY COUSIN!


LINDA DANVERS, YOU'RE SUPERGIRL'S FRIEND! CAN YOU CONTACT HER? WE WANT HER TO PLANT THE NINE NAMES ON THE NINE PLANETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM! THE NAMES WILL BE INSCRIBED ON THE PLAQUES OF NINE TIME CAPSULES LIKE THIS ONE! EACH HAS AN AUTOMATIC BUZZER, TO ALERT ANYONE APPROACHING TO ITS PRESENCE!
BZZZ BZZ BZZZ!


SHORTLY, AT THE COLLEGE RADIO STATION...
CALLING SUPERGIRL! IF YOU HEAR THIS BROADCAST, HURRY TO STANHOPE FOR A SPECIAL MISSION!
I HAVE TO MAKE THIS CALL, TO COVER THE FACT THAT I'M SUPERGIRL!
ON THE AIR
A SWIFT CHANGE AND, LIKE A HUMAN CANNONBALL, SUPERGIRL HURTLES OUT OF THE DISUSED CHIMNEY WHICH CONNECTS WITH HER SECRET HEADQUARTERS...
I CAN'T SEE WHY WE GIRLS COULDN'T VOTE! BUT--OF COURSE, I'LL BE HAPPY TO PLANT SUPERMAN'S NAME AROUND THE SOLAR SYSTEM... AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE OTHER TOP CHOICES!
AFTER BEING BRIEFED BY DR. HANSON, SUPERGIRL'S BRAIN RESPONDS FASTER THAN 1,000 COMPUTERS AT HIS QUERY...
SUPERGIRL! HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WILL TAKE YOU TO BURY THESE NINE TIME CAPSULES ON THE NINE PLANETS OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM?
THE APPROXIMATE DIAMETER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM IS ABOUT 10,000,000,000 MILES! IT SHOULD TAKE 60 MINUTES... AND 11 SECONDS!
HURRAY FOR SUPERGIRL! ... SHE'S THE GROOVIEST!...
AT BLINDING SPEED, THE MAID OF STEEL FLASHES ON HER JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE, LIKE WHIPLASHING LIGHTNING...
I'LL START WITH EARTH FIRST! 92.9 MILLION MILES FROM THE SUN!
MERCURY-- 36.2 MILLION!
URANUS-- 1,783.7 MILLION!
SATURN-- 882.6 MILLION!
THEN VENUS-- 66.9 MILLION!
I'LL CROSS OVER TO MARS-- 141.2 MILLION!
JUPITER-- 483.0 MILLION!
NEPTUNE-- 2,787.0 MILLION!
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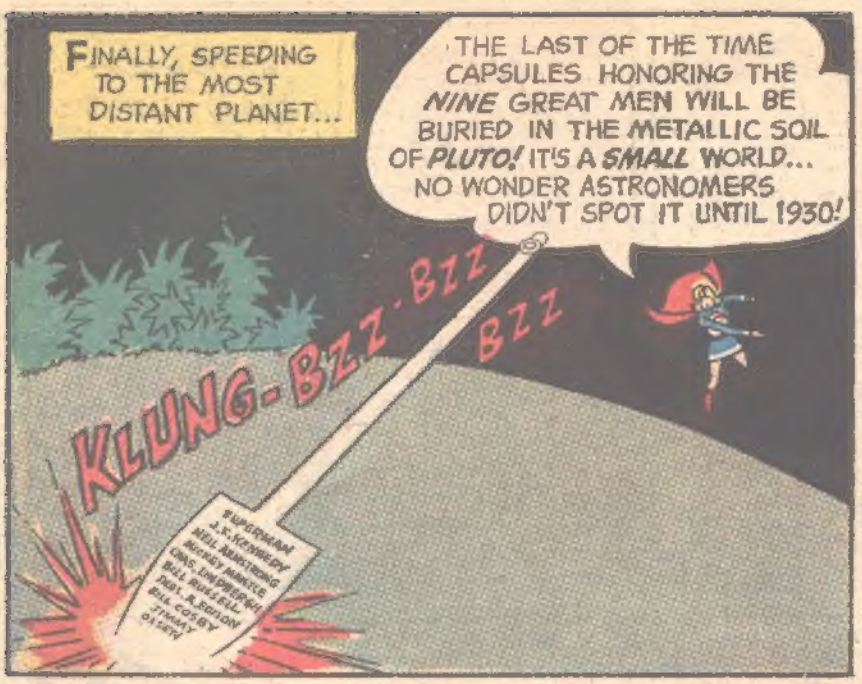
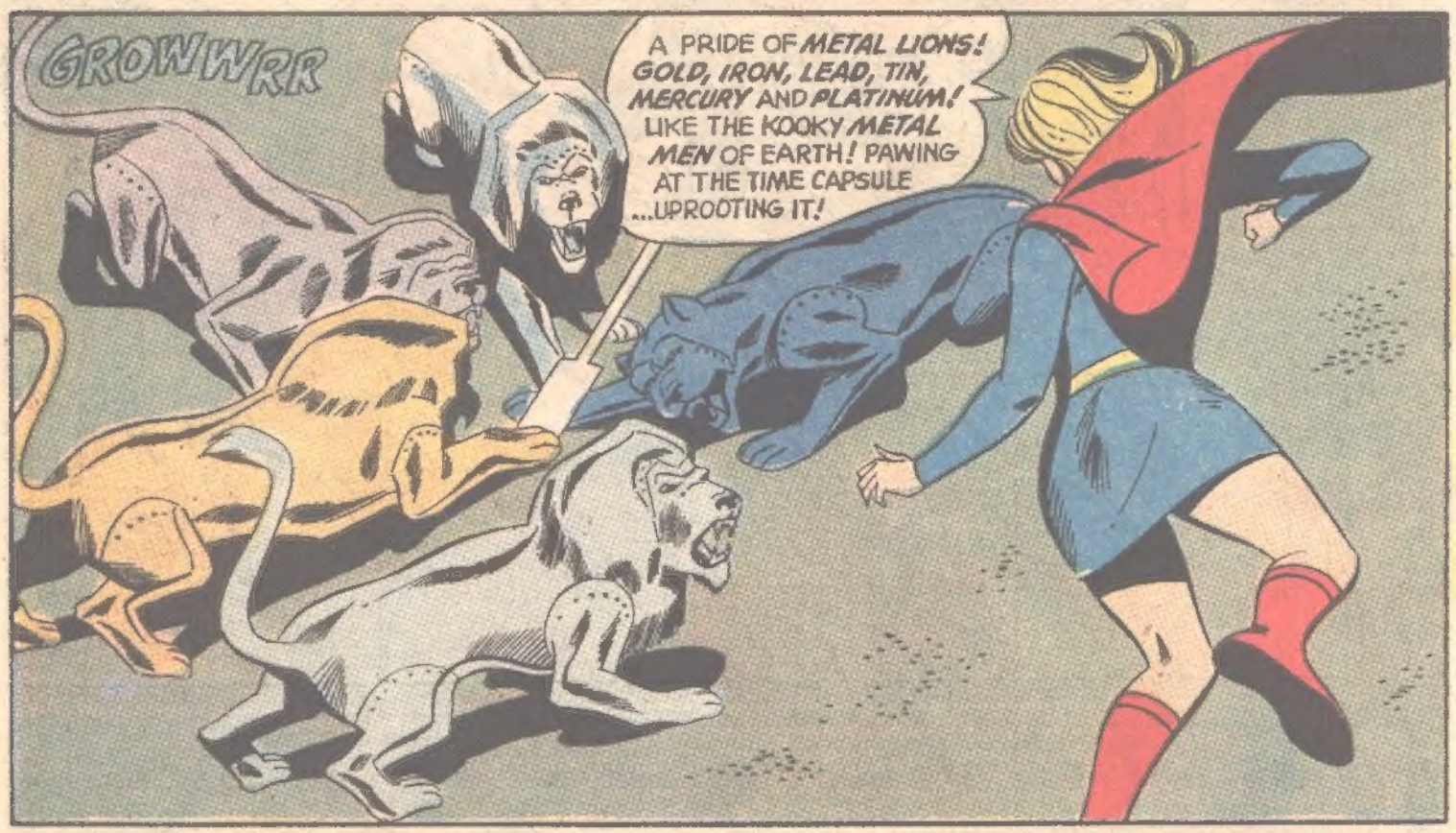

FINALLY, SPEEDING TO THE MOST DISTANT PLANET...
THE LAST OF THE TIME CAPSULES HONORING THE NINE GREAT MEN WILL BE BURIED IN THE METALLIC SOIL OF PLUTO! IT'S A SMALL WORLD... NO WONDER ASTRONOMERS DIDN'T SPOT IT UNTIL 1930!
KLUNG-BZZ-BZZ
BZZ

NOW FOR MY LITTLE JAUNT OF 3,530.2 MILLION MILES BACK TO STANHOPE! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME WITHOUT RUFFLING MY HAIR!
WH-WHAT'S THAT?
GROWWRRR...


GROWWRR
A PRIDE OF METAL LIONS! GOLD, IRON, LEAD, TIN, MERCURY AND PLATINUM! LIKE THE KOOKY METAL MEN OF EARTH! PAWING AT THE TIME CAPSULE ...UPROOTING IT!

STOP IT, YOU CRAZY CATS!
GROWWWRR!

I MEANT WHAT I SAID, YOU TIN BABY!
THUNGG!
OWWRR!
4

SUDDENLY, THE CAPED CO-ED RECEIVES AN UNEXPECTED BLOW...
ARRRGH--
I SHOULD HAVE REMEMBERED THIS MERCURY CREATURE CAN EXPAND! IT CAN REACH ME FROM WHEREVER IT STANDS, WITHOUT LEAPING!
KLUNG
OWWWRRRRRR--
KLANGG
GOLD AND PLATINUM ARE ATTACKING AS A TEAM!
GROWLLL--
THE PLUTONIAN PACK HAS GONE HAYWIRE! PLATINUM IS PINNING ME DOWN WITH ITS COILS! THEY'RE DOING THEIR THING! OKAY...
GLUNG
...I'LL DO MY THING. AND SEE IF I CAN TURN OFF THIS METALLIC MOB WITH MY HEAT VISION!
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THOSE METAL MUGGERS BUT GLITTERING DUST! THE PACK WON'T MENACE ANYONE ELSE NOW! THE TIME CAPSULE IS SAFE! I CAN RETURN TO EARTH!
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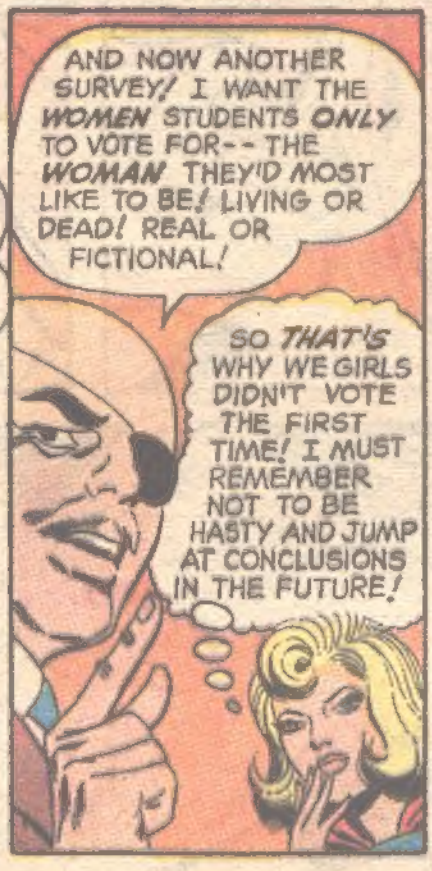
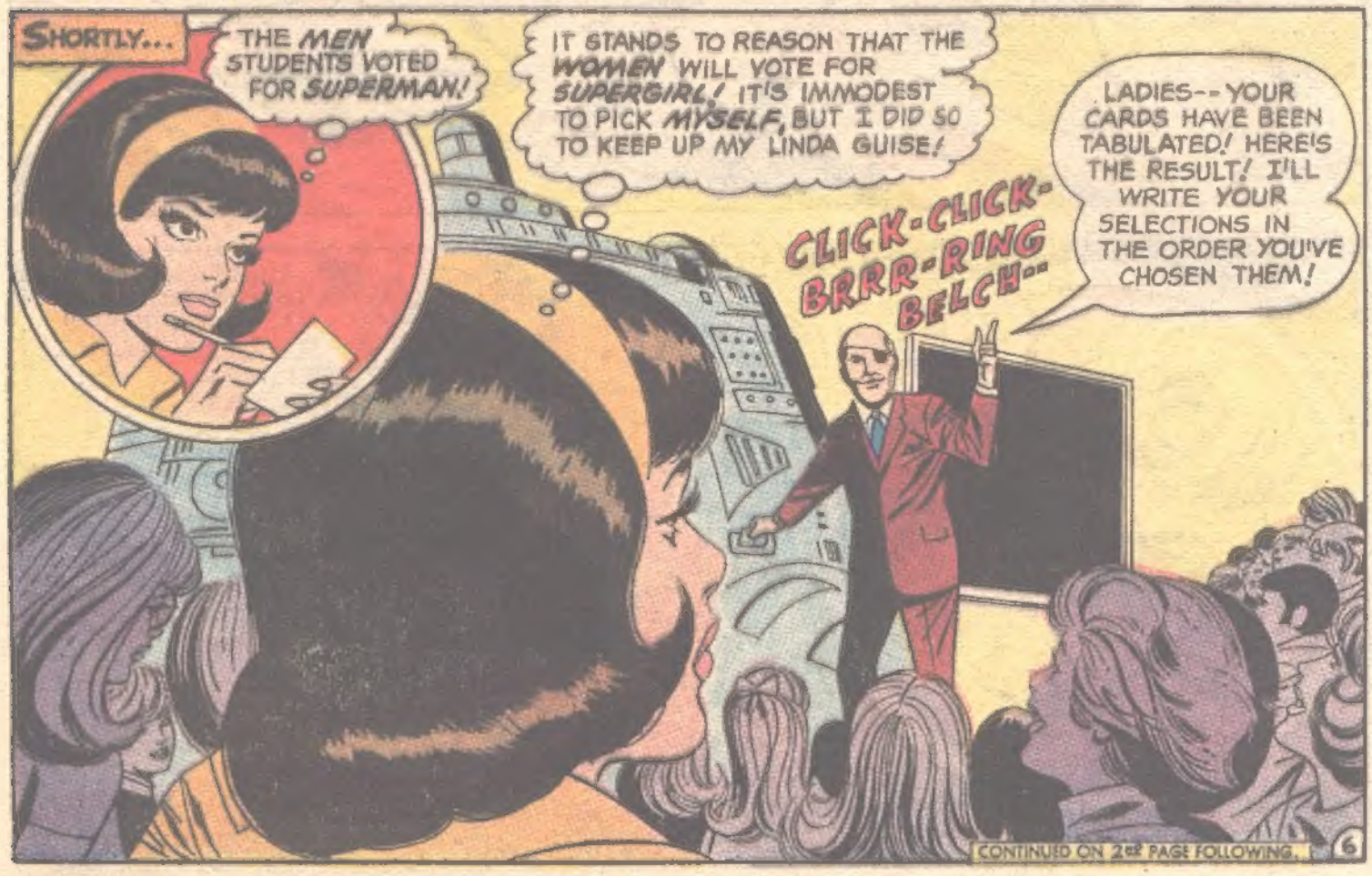
SPACE SHRINKS BEFORE SUPERGIRL'S SURGE EARTHWARDS...
I'M STILL STEAMED ABOUT DR. HANSON ONLY ALLOWING THE MEN STUDENTS TO VOTE! AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO STANHOPE, I'LL FIND OUT WHY!

SORRY... I'M EIGHT SECONDS LATE! BUT I HAD TO SHAKE A FEW METAL LIONS OUT OF MY HAIR ON PLUTO!
IMAGINE... A PACK OF WEIRD BEASTS DELAYS HER ONLY EIGHT SECONDS!
SUPERGIRL'S THE ZENITH! ...HURRAY FOR SUPERGIRL!


AND NOW ANOTHER SURVEY! I WANT THE WOMEN STUDENTS ONLY TO VOTE FOR-- THE WOMAN THEY'D MOST LIKE TO BE! LIVING OR DEAD! REAL OR FICTIONAL!
SO THAT'S WHY WE GIRLS DIDN'T VOTE THE FIRST TIME! I MUST REMEMBER NOT TO BE HASTY AND JUMP AT CONCLUSIONS IN THE FUTURE!

I DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS VOTE! I'LL CHANGE BACK TO LINDA AND CAST MY BALLOT IN THE AUDITORIUM!
COME BACK, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE THE GREATEST!


SHORTLY...
THE MEN STUDENTS VOTED FOR SUPERMAN!
IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THE WOMEN WILL VOTE FOR SUPERGIRL! IT'S IMMODEST TO PICK MYSELF, BUT I DID SO TO KEEP UP MY LINDA GUISE!
CLICK-CLICK-BRRR-RING BELCH--
LADIES-- YOUR CARDS HAVE BEEN TABULATED! HERE'S THE RESULT! I'LL WRITE YOUR SELECTIONS IN THE ORDER YOU'VE CHOSEN THEM!

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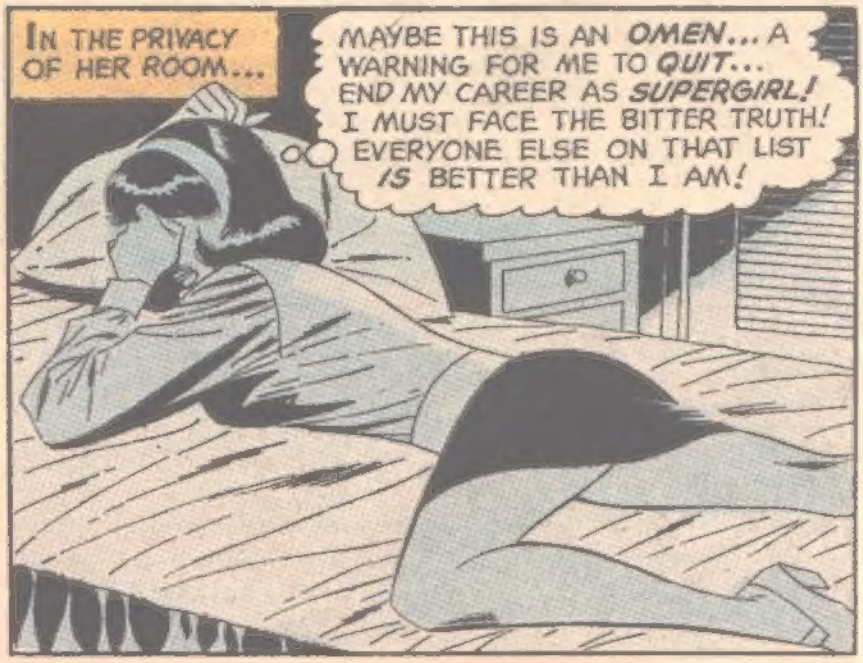
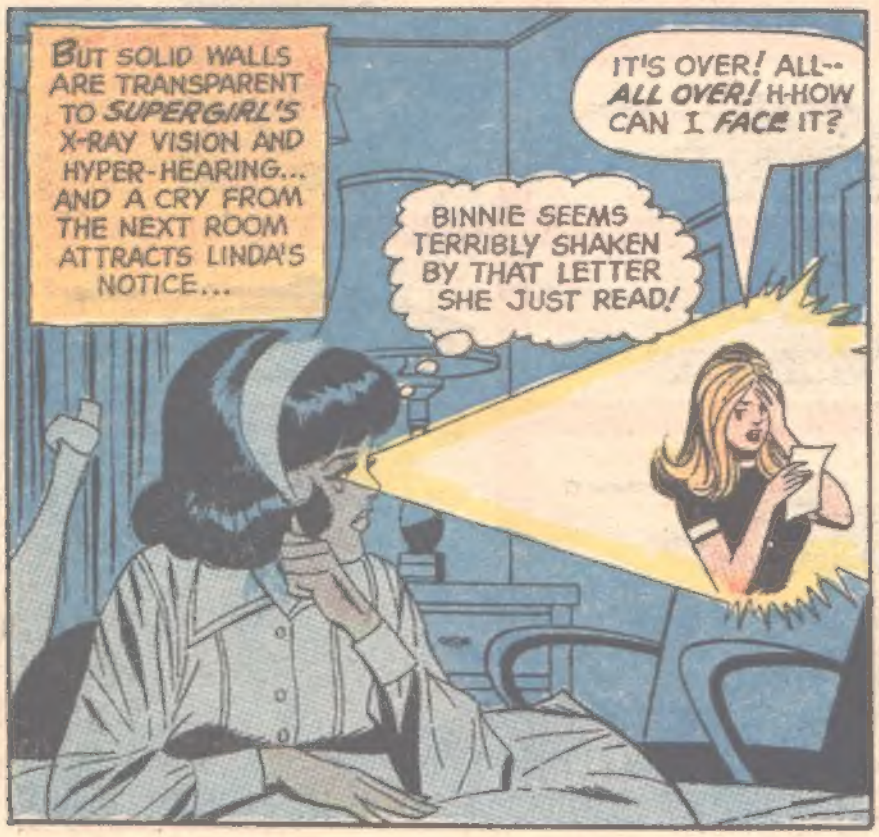
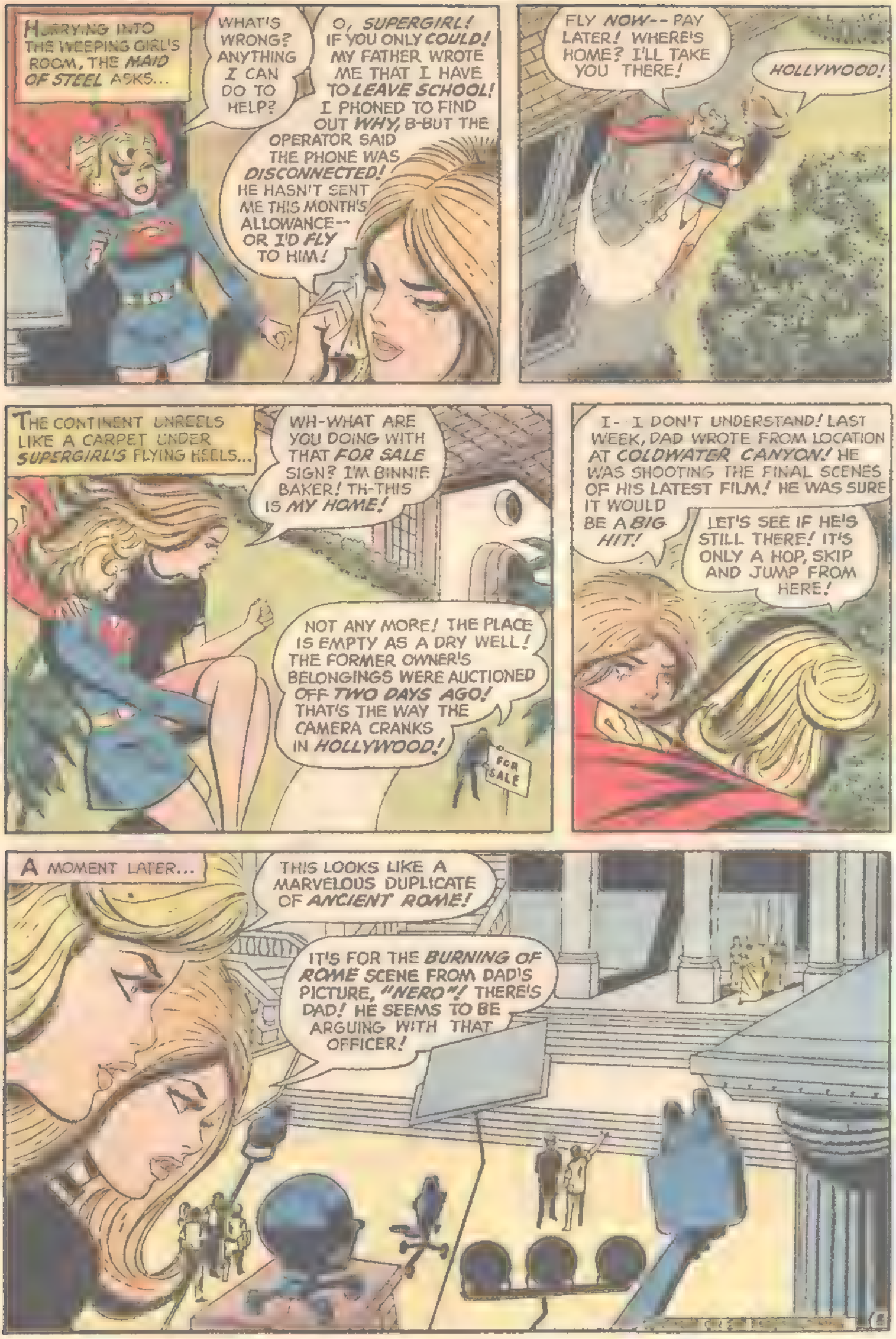
FURTIVELY WIPING A STINGING TEAR...
SUPERGIRL'S LAST? HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

SLIPPING OUT UNOBSERVED BY THE TUMULTUOUS STUDENTS, LINDA HURRIES AWAY...
I NEVER BELIEVED IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME! NOT AFTER ALL THOSE CHEERS! I CAN STILL HEAR THEM RINGING IN MY EARS--AFTER MY TRIP BACK FROM THE PLANETS!


IN THE PRIVACY OF HER ROOM...
MAYBE THIS IS AN OMEN... A WARNING FOR ME TO QUIT... END MY CAREER AS SUPERGIRL! I MUST FACE THE BITTER TRUTH! EVERYONE ELSE ON THAT LIST IS BETTER THAN I AM!


BUT SOLID WALLS ARE TRANSPARENT TO SUPERGIRL'S X-RAY VISION AND HYPER-HEARING... AND A CRY FROM THE NEXT ROOM ATTRACTS LINDA'S NOTICE...
IT'S OVER! ALL-- ALL OVER! H-HOW CAN I FACE IT?
BINNIE SEEMS TERRIBLY SHAKEN BY THAT LETTER SHE JUST READ!

I'D BETTER FORGET ABOUT MY OWN TEARS --AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP POOR BINNIE OUT OF HER TROUBLES! I CAN HEAR HER SOBBING AS IF HER HEART'S BREAKING!


HURRYING INTO THE WEEPING GIRL'S ROOM, THE MAID OF STEEL ASKS...
WHAT'S WRONG? ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?
O, SUPERGIRL! IF YOU ONLY COULD! MY FATHER WROTE ME THAT I HAVE TO LEAVE SCHOOL! I PHONED TO FIND OUT WHY, B-BUT THE OPERATOR SAID THE PHONE WAS DISCONNECTED! HE HASN'T SENT ME THIS MONTH'S ALLOWANCE-- OR I'D FLY TO HIM!
FLY NOW-- PAY LATER! WHERE'S HOME? I'LL TAKE YOU THERE!
HOLLYWOOD!
THE CONTINENT UNREELS LIKE A CARPET UNDER SUPERGIRL'S FLYING HEELS...
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT FOR SALE SIGN? I'M BINNIE BAKER! TH-THIS IS MY HOME!
NOT ANY MORE! THE PLACE IS EMPTY AS A DRY WELL! THE FORMER OWNER'S BELONGINGS WERE AUCTIONED OFF TWO DAYS AGO! THAT'S THE WAY THE CAMERA CRANKS IN HOLLYWOOD!
FOR SALE
I- I DON'T UNDERSTAND! LAST WEEK, DAD WROTE FROM LOCATION AT COLDWATER CANYON! HE WAS SHOOTING THE FINAL SCENES OF HIS LATEST FILM! HE WAS SURE IT WOULD BE A BIG HIT!
LET'S SEE IF HE'S STILL THERE! IT'S ONLY A HOP, SKIP AND JUMP FROM HERE!
A MOMENT LATER...
THIS LOOKS LIKE A MARVELOUS DUPLICATE OF ANCIENT ROME!
IT'S FOR THE BURNING OF ROME SCENE FROM DAD'S PICTURE, "NERO"! THERE'S DAD! HE SEEMS TO BE ARGUING WITH THAT OFFICER!

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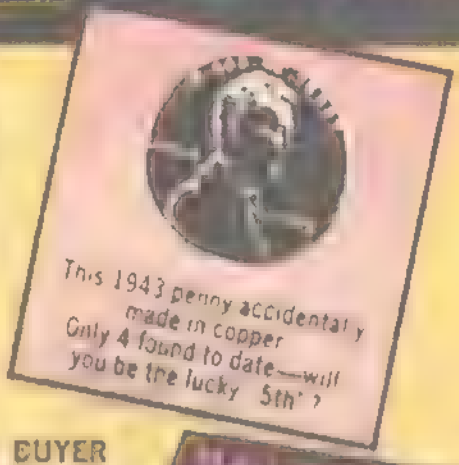

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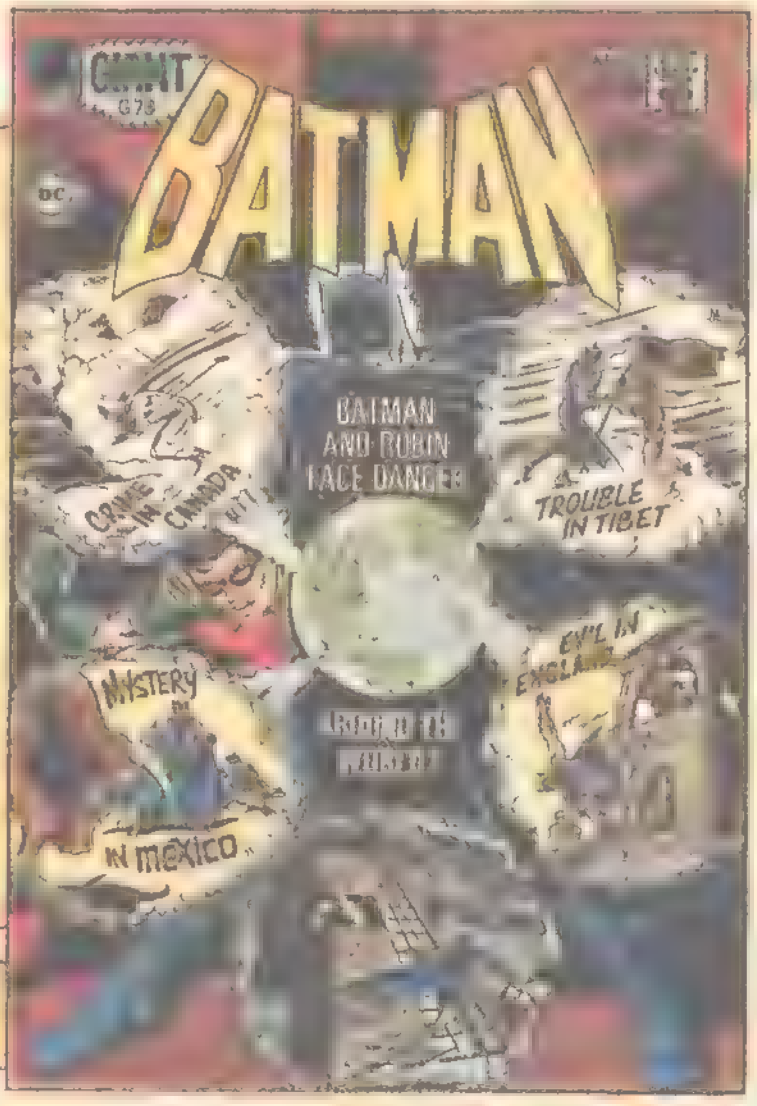
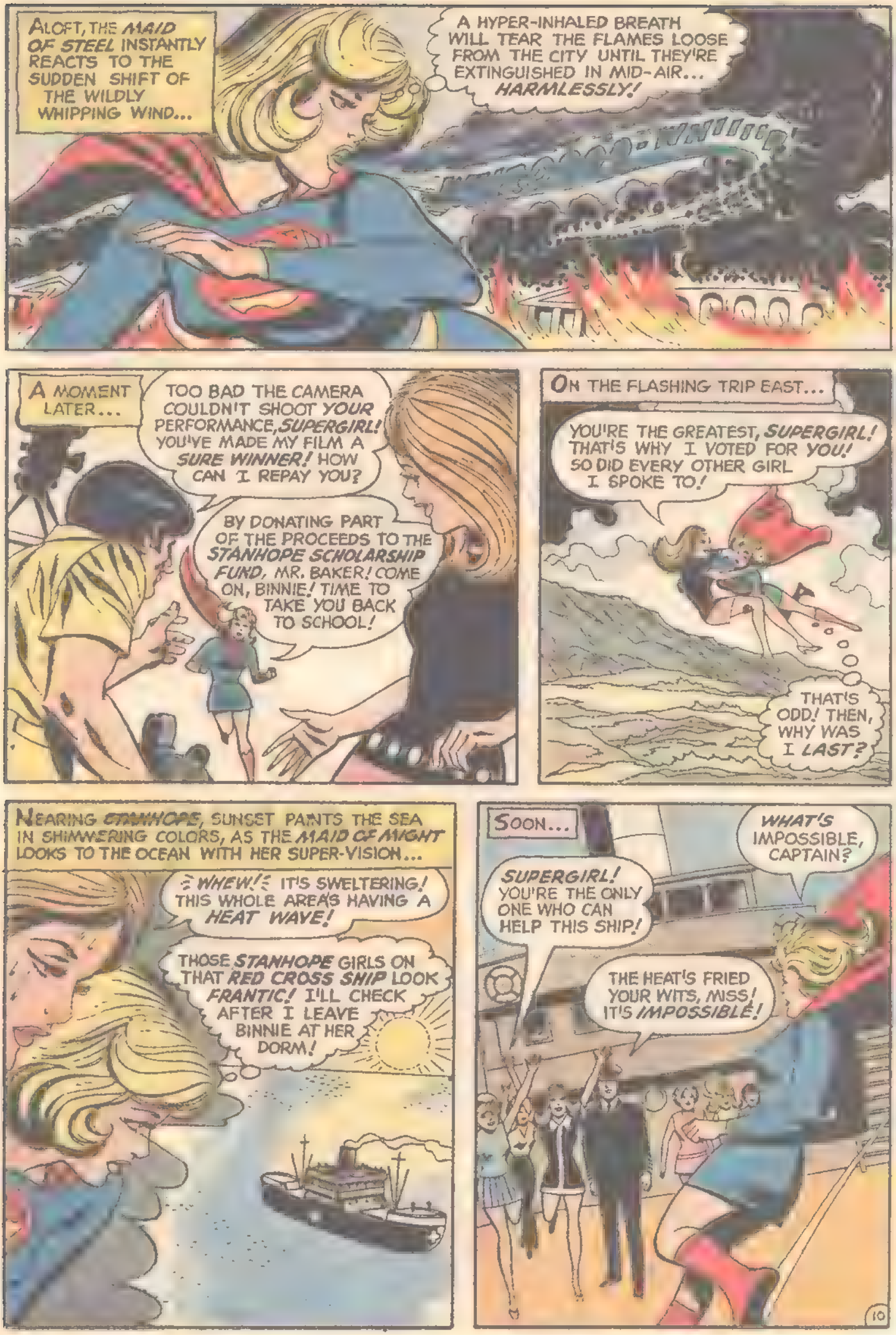
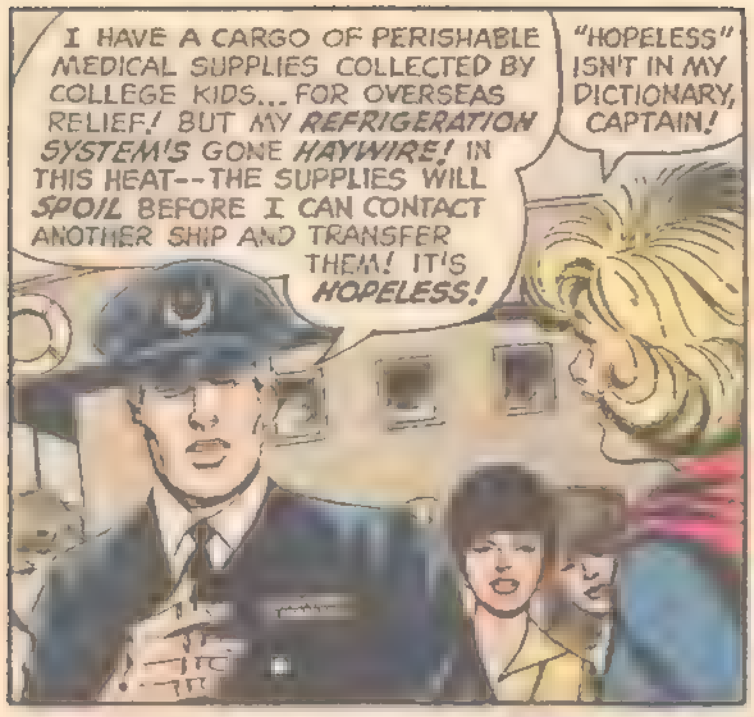
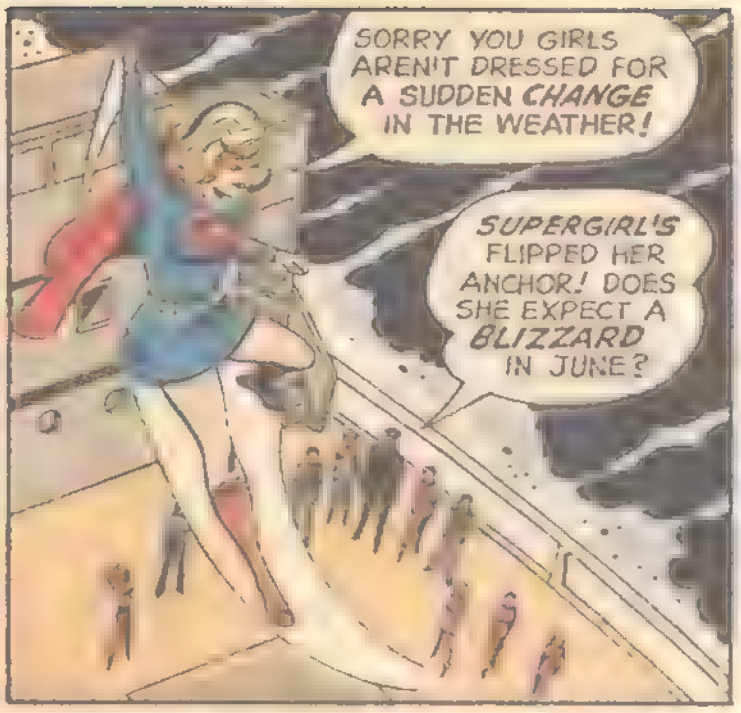


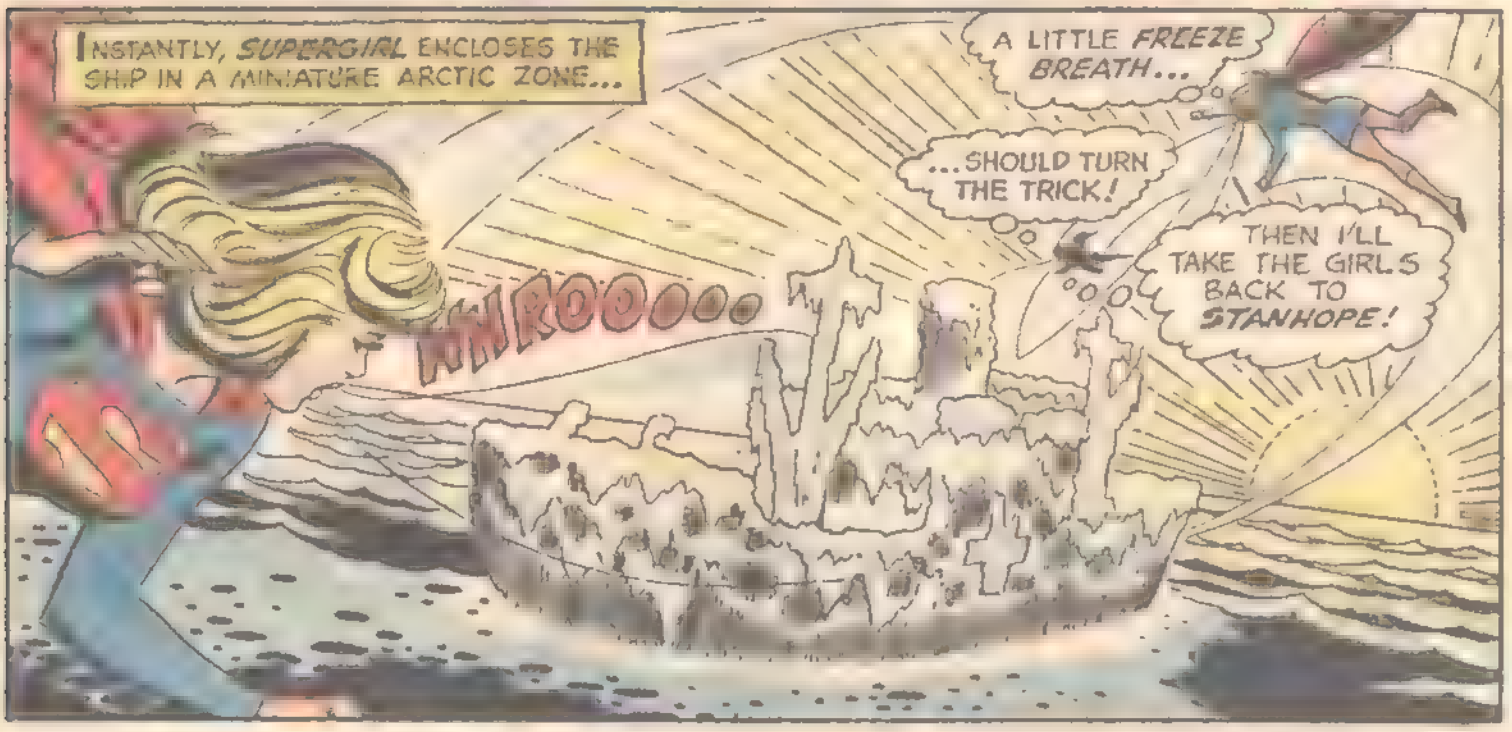
ON SALE MAY 12th

BUT, CAPTAIN--I'VE BANKRUPTED MYSELF TO MAKE THIS PICTURE! THE FIRE SCENE IS ITS HIGHLIGHT! WITHOUT THAT, THE FILM IS NOTHING! I'LL BE WIPED OUT!
SORRY, MR. BAKER! I CAN'T ISSUE YOU A PERMIT TO BURN THIS SET DOWN, UNLESS YOU TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT THE FIRE FROM SPREADING! AND THAT'S EXPENSIVE...
OHH, DAD! N-NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WROTE ME I HAD TO LEAVE STANHOPE! Y-YOU COULDN'T AFFORD TO KEEP ME IN SCHOOL ANY LONGER!
I--I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO HEAR THIS, HONEY! I ALMOST HAD AN OSCAR WINNER! BUT I GUESS I'M JUST A SHOESTRING PRODUCER WHOSE LACES HAVE BEEN YANKED LOOSE!
CAPTAIN! LET MR. BAKER SHOOT THIS FINAL SCENE! I GUARANTEE TO CONFINE THE FIRE TO THE SET... AND EXTINGUISH IT INSTANTLY WITHOUT DANGER TO ANYONE!
WELL... IT'S HIGHLY IRREGULAR... BUT YOU'VE BEEN KNOWN TO CAP A VOLCANO WITH YOUR BARE HANDS... SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE FIRE! ALL RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! GO AHEAD!
SHOOT YOUR BURNING OF ROME SCENE, MR. BAKER! I'LL KEEP FIRE WATCH OVERHEAD, OUT OF RANGE OF THE CAMERA!
SUPERGIRL--- YOU'VE JUST LIFTED ME OUT OF THE PIT OF DESPAIR!
SHORTLY, AN HISTORICAL INFERNO IS RE-CREATED...
WHROOOOOO
THE WEATHER PREDICTION WAS WRONG! IT'S NOT A WINDLESS DAY! SUDDEN GUSTS ARE WHIPPING THE FLAMES OUT OF HAND! WILL SUPERGIRL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEM?


ALOFT, THE MAID OF STEEL INSTANTLY REACTS TO THE SUDDEN SHIFT OF THE WILDLY WHIPPING WIND...
A HYPER-INHALED BREATH WILL TEAR THE FLAMES LOOSE FROM THE CITY UNTIL THEY'RE EXTINGUISHED IN MID-AIR... HARMLESSLY!
WHOOO


I HAVE A CARGO OF PERISHABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES COLLECTED BY COLLEGE KIDS... FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF! BUT MY REFRIGERATION SYSTEM'S GONE HAYWIRE! IN THIS HEAT--THE SUPPLIES WILL SPOIL BEFORE I CAN CONTACT ANOTHER SHIP AND TRANSFER THEM! IT'S HOPELESS!
"HOPELESS" ISN'T IN MY DICTIONARY, CAPTAIN!


SORRY YOU GIRLS AREN'T DRESSED FOR A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE WEATHER!
SUPERGIRL'S FLIPPED HER ANCHOR! DOES SHE EXPECT A BLIZZARD IN JUNE?


INSTANTLY, SUPERGIRL ENCLOSES THE SHIP IN A MINIATURE ARCTIC ZONE...
A LITTLE FREEZE BREATH...
...SHOULD TURN THE TRICK!
THEN I'LL TAKE THE GIRLS BACK TO STANHOPE!
WHOOOOO

TH-THANKS, SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE CHANGED M-MY WHOLE SHIP INTO AN ICEBOX! YOU'VE SAVED THE M-MEDICAL SUPPLIES!
YOU R-RANG THE BELL AGAIN, SUPERGIRL! B-RRR! THAT'S W-WHY WE ALL VOTED FOR Y-YOU! YOU'RE C-COOL!

I DON'T GET IT! IF THEY VOTED FOR ME, TOO--THEN WHY WAS I AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST?

LEAVING THE GIRLS AT STANHOPE, THE BLONDE BLOCKBUSTER DARTS INTO HER OWN ROOM UNDER COVER OF FAST-FALLING DARKNESS...
MY HAIR! IT'S GLOWING! FLYING THROUGH THE AIR, COAST TO COAST WITH BINNIE, COULDN'T HAVE CAUSED THIS PHENOMENON!
CLICKING ON THE LIGHT, SUPERGIRL FINDS...
MY HAIR ONLY GLOWS IN THE DARK! THAT'S WHY NO ONE NOTICED IT BEFORE! HMMM--WHERE COULD IT HAVE GOTTEN PHOSPHORESCENT? I'LL TRY A SHAMPOO!
I'M GONNA WASH THAT GLOW RIGHT OUT OF MY HAIR--
HMM... METALLIC DUST PARTICLES!
"I MUST HAVE PICKED UP THESE PARTICLES WHEN I MELTED THE METAL LIONS ON PLUTO!"
THE PLUTONIAN PARTICLES COULD ALSO HAVE FOULED UP THE COMPUTER'S DELICATE CIRCUITS SO I CAME OUT LAST ON THE LIST! BUT I CAN'T BE SURE! I THINK I'LL CALL THE PROFESSOR AND SUGGEST HE CHECK HIS MACHINE!
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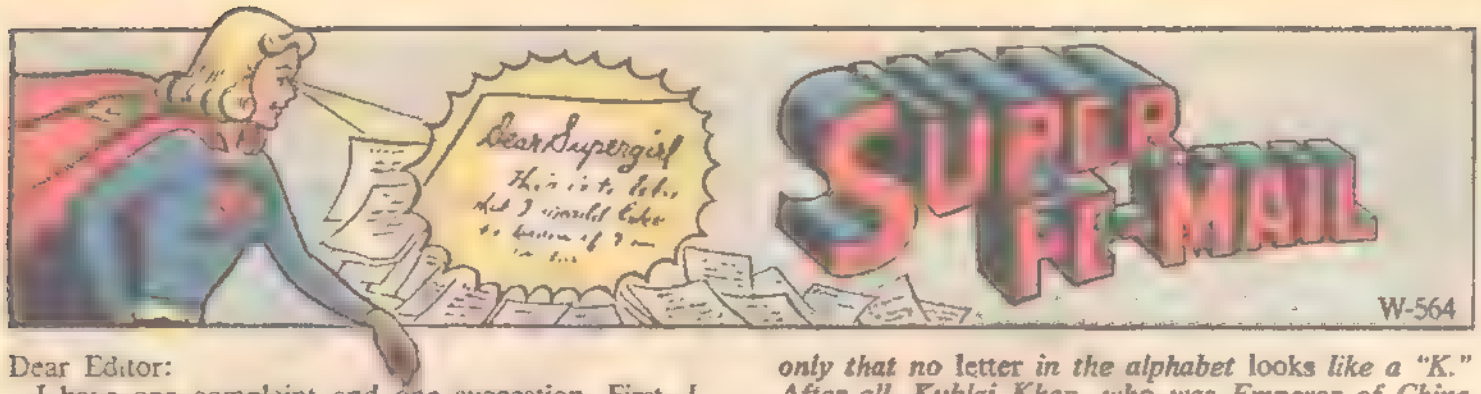
THE NEXT DAY...
GIRLS! I CHECKED THE COMPUTER AND FOUND IT ERRATIC! BUT IT'S FIXED NOW! SO I SUMMONED YOU HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY AGAIN! VOTE FOR "THE WOMAN YOU'D MOST LIKE TO BE"!
AND SOON...
CLICK-- CLICK-- CLICK-- CLICK--
HERE COMES THE WINNING LIST!
NOW COMES THE NITTY GRITTY ANSWER! I'LL FIND OUT WHERE I REALLY STAND!
SUPERGIRL TOPS THE NINE WINNERS!
STILL... THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FIRST LIST THAT KEPT ME UP ALL NIGHT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY THE NAMES WERE IN THIS ORDER! WAIT... I SEE...
SCARLETT O'HARA
JULIET
SOPHIA LOREN
CORETTA KING
BARBRA STREISAND
GRETA GARBO
F. NIGHTINGALE
MARIE CURIE
SUPERGIRL
TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF THE FIRST NAME, THE SECOND LETTER OF THE SECOND NAME, AND SO ON DOWN THE LIST... AND YOU GET THE NAME OF THE REAL WINNER!
THERE! WHATEVER ALTERED THE COMPUTER-- CAUSED IT TO SPELL OUT SUPERGIRL IN AN ACROSTIC! IT STILL INDICATED SHE WON!
EVERYTHING'S COMING UP S-U-P-E-R-G-I-R-L!
THE END



Dear Editor:

I have one complaint and one suggestion. First, I think Supergirl is ugly. You can improve her by giving her an ideal fashion figure. I enclose a full description. from "Fundamental Fashion Drawing" by Romilda Dilley. Supergirl does not fit any of the qualifications. She is too muscular, too short, too fat. Supergirl should look more feminine. Now for the suggestion. A few issues back, you said that if readers sent in ideas, you would be glad to give Supergirl a new costume. I suggest you print these ideas on two pages and let the readers vote on them.

—The Critic, Greene, N.Y.

(We couldn't print all the great fashions you readers have submitted in two full issues, let alone two pages. We have other ideas brewing, which we hope to announce soon. As for making Supergirl look like a fashion mannikin—unnaturally tall, gaunt, thin-limbed and walking with a slouch—nix! It might suit you fashion buffs, but it would sure upset us girl-watchers.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Was page ten, panel one of "Supergirl's Jilted Boy Friends" drawn by Curt Swan instead of Kurt Schaffenberger?

—David Stobberingh, Pacoima, Calif.

(Say, you do have sharp eyes! Kurt used a print of Curt's cover scene for that panel, then made a few changes, so you might say this was sort of half-and-half.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In ADVENTURE No. 384, a reader said that Air Force Bases are called Air Bases when they're overseas. He made a boo-boo. I know, because I live on Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

—Mike Fields, Yokota Air Force Base, Japan

(Then we take it that the other writer's statement was baseless.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "The Super-Cheat," you introduced three more of Linda's friends. The trouble is, none of these friends ever makes more than one or two appearances. And how about her roommates, who made their debut (and swan song) in the September, 1969 issue? Please make up your minds just who Linda's friends are and make them regulars.

—Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(Go over the issues since September carefully and count the number of times those roommates, Jan and Becky, appeared. Then you can apologize. True, Becky has dropped out of the picture since, but Jan starred in a story that came out after you wrote your letter.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In issue 389, you said that there was no letter "K" in the Kryptonian alphabet. If so, how could Supergirl's Kryptonian name be Kara? And how about the name Krypton itself? Please set me right or admit you don't know Kryptonese.

—Stafford White, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

(We never said there was no "K" sound on Krypton—only that no letter in the alphabet looks like a "K." After all, Kublai Khan, who was Emperor of China when Marco Polo went there, spelled his name in Chinese without our letter "K."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I'll bet you got a lot of letters about "Linda Danvers, Super-Star." On page 5, you show Supergirl noticing the wires holding her up are breaking. How many people asked why she didn't use her heat vision to fuse them together? Well, here's your answer: Supergirl decided that it would be good for the movie to have an exciting escape like that.

—Jack McCoy, Chillicothe, Ohio

(There's another possible answer—she didn't think of her heat vision. And neither did the writer, the editor, or, apparently, any reader but you!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I think I found a boo-boo in "Linda Danvers, Super-Star." On page 12, you show Supergirl smelling Eve's hand. Why? Eve was the one who was nearly killed, so she couldn't be a suspect.

—Ronald Lowy, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(True—but Supergirl smelled *Eve's hand to throw the real killer off the* scent.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Take a look at Supergirl's coiffure in panel 5 of page 9 of the "Super-Star" story, after she's come out of the water. If you push back the two stray locks of hair, you'll see what I mean. How about giving her this hairdo for keeps? Then you'd *really* have something!

—Jack Stein, Cleveland, Ohio

(Perhaps—or we might vary her hairdo from time to time—instead of locking her locks into one style. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

You have shown so much of Superman's childhood —but what about Supergirl? How about showing her as a tot?

—Missy McCutcheon, Fayetteville, Ark.

(Why not? We might even show her as a Super-Tot, since her home town, Argo City, was under a yellow sun for a brief time during her childhood.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I enjoyed ADVENTURE No. 391, especially "Linda Danvers, Super-Star." That picture of Linda in a bikini was great. Also, I liked "The Super-Exchange Student." But on page 3, Supergirl calls the alien girl Enora, while elsewhere she is Euora. Which is right?

—Alan Portillo, Richmond, Calif.

(Euora is right. Supergirl got it wrong because the message she received from Thetoa was distorted by space-static.—Ed.)

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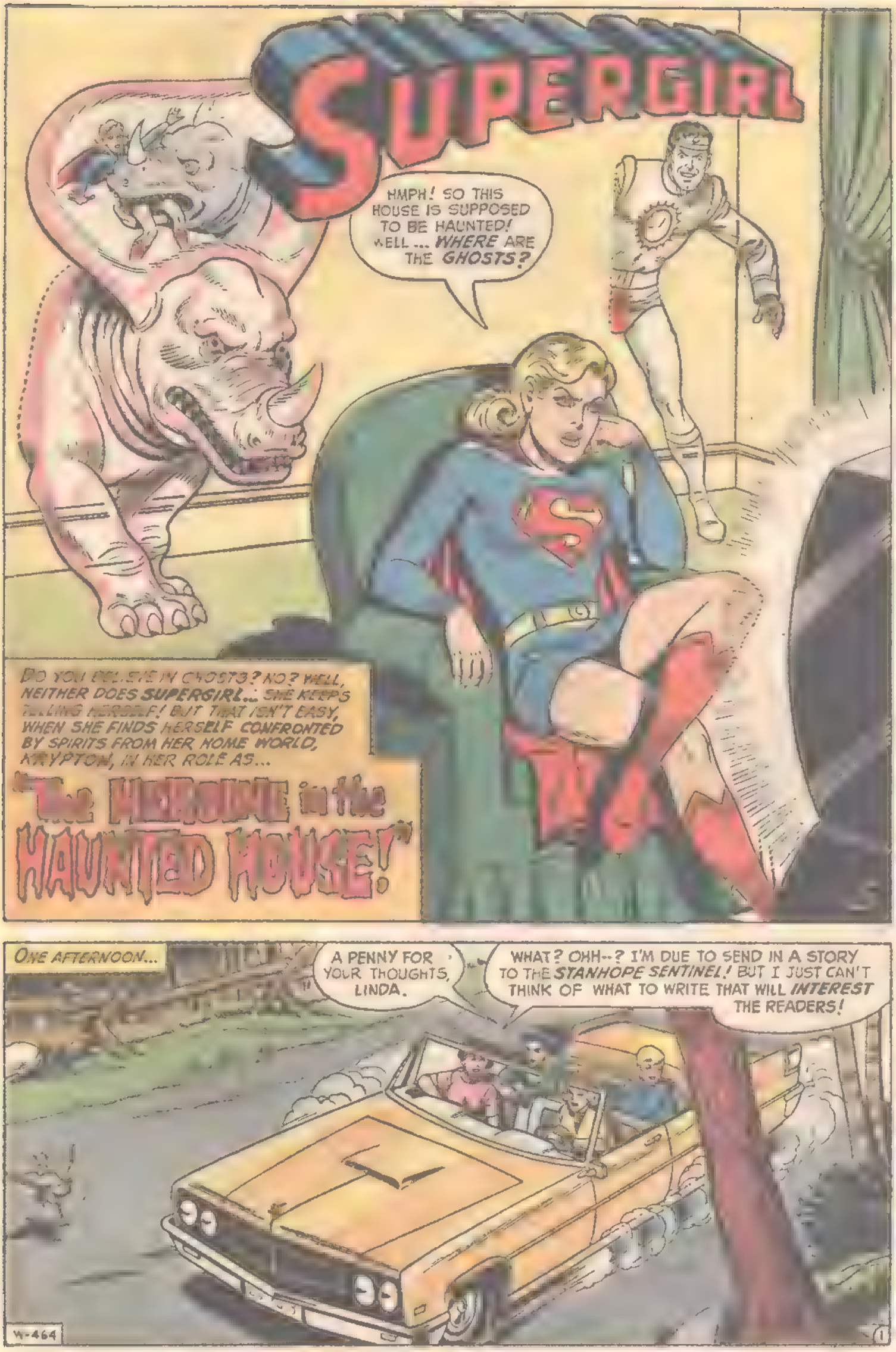
SUPERGIRL
HMPH! SO THIS HOUSE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HAUNTED! WELL ... WHERE ARE THE GHOSTS?
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS? NO? WELL, NEITHER DOES SUPERGIRL... SHE KEEPS TELLING HERSELF! BUT THAT ISN'T EASY, WHEN SHE FINDS HERSELF CONFRONTED BY SPIRITS FROM HER HOME WORLD, KRYPTON, IN HER ROLE AS...
"The HEROINE in the HAUNTED HOUSE!"
ONE AFTERNOON...
A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, LINDA.
WHAT? OHH--? I'M DUE TO SEND IN A STORY TO THE STANHOPE SENTINEL! BUT I JUST CAN'T THINK OF WHAT TO WRITE THAT WILL INTEREST THE READERS!
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STEP RIGHT UP, GIRLS! IF YOU DARE! ADMISSION TO THE AMOS AMESWELL HAUNTED HOUSE IS ONLY ONE DOLLAR! BUT--ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD IF ANYONE STAYS OVERNIGHT WITHOUT BECOMING A RAVING LUNATIC!
SOUNDS GROOVY! LET'S GIVE IT A WHIRL!
$1
HAUNTED HOUSE
FORMER HOME OF INVENTOR
AMOS AMESWELL
I'M ELI AMESWELL, THE INVENTOR'S SOLE HEIR! HE DISAPPEARED TEN YEARS AGO! MAYBE YOU'LL FIND HIS SKELETON IN SOME CLOSET... OR HIS GHOST!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS!
INSIDE...
WEL...COME! BUT... BE...WARE! HA-HA-HA!
THIS ROBOT'S TOO CUTE TO BE MENACING!
THAT INVENTOR HAD A GRISLY SENSE OF HUMOR!.. IMAGINE... HAVING HIMSELF PORTRAYED IN LUMINOUS PAINT--AS DEATH!
A CUSTOM-MADE TV SET! IT WAS PROBABLY BUILT BY THE INVENTOR HIMSELF!
MAYBE THE ICKY PROGRAMS DROVE HIM AWAY!
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THAT EVENING... AS A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE STANHOPE SENTINEL, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A STORY TO SEND IN! AND I FINALLY FOUND ONE! THE AMOS AMESWELL HAUNTED HOUSE, COMPLETE WITH ITS VANISHED INVENTOR AND THE THOUSAND-DOLLAR REWARD FOR STAYING IN IT OVERNIGHT-- WITHOUT FLIPPING!

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$1,000 REWARD TO ANYONE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT AMOS AMESWELL HAUNTED HOUSE-- WITHOUT GOING MAD!

I'VE JUST FINISHED "THE MAD GOLEM"! TOMORROW I FLY TO STANHOPE, TO DEFY THE CURSE OF THE AMESWELL HAUNTED HOUSE BY SPENDING THE NIGHT THERE... ALONE!

SHORTLY...

THIS IS RITA PARKER, YOUR HOLLYWOOD REPORTER, GIVING YOU A SCOOP ABOUT VINCENT SALE, TOP SCARE-STAR OF THE "SILVER SCREAM"!

THE NEXT DAY... AN HOUR BEFORE DUSK...

I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS THAT AREN'T CREATED BY HOLLYWOOD SPECIAL EFFECTS! I EXPECT TO HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST AND COME OUT TOMORROW TO COLLECT THE $1,000!

HE'S HAMMIER THAN A PIG FARM! THIS IS STRICTLY A PUBLICITY GIG! BUT SUPERSTITIOUS BUNK DOESN'T BUG HIM!

AS THE HOURS PASS... ONE BY ONE... [illegible] DROPPING NOISELESSLY THROUGH THE HOURGLASS...

ALL PEACEFUL AND QUIET! THE ACTOR'S MAKING GOOD HIS BOAST! HE'LL BE COMING OUT SOON, TO CLAIM HIS REWARD FOR STAYING OVERNIGHT IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE! AND I'LL HAVE A FOLLOW-UP TO MY STORY!

AS THE DARK MANTLE OF NIGHT LIFTS FROM THE SILENT HOUSE... A WILD-EYED FIGURE STAGGERS OUT, WITH A BLOOD-CHILLING MOAN...
AHHHHHHHHHHH...
NO--NO! OHHHH-! NO--NO! AHHHHHHH...
POOR MAN! HE'S BEEN FRIGHTENED OUT OF HIS WITS! HIS HAIR TURNED WHITE OVERNIGHT! HE'S PLAYED IN HIS LAST HORROR MOVIE! REAL LIFE WAS MORE TERRIFYING THAN ANY MOVIE SCRIPT!
I WARNED HIM! YOU ALL KNOW I DID! THE HOUSE IS HAUNTED!
SOMETHING DROVE HIM MAD! BUT WHAT? PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO BE DRIVEN OUT OF THEIR WITS BY THEIR OWN RUNAWAY IMAGINATIONS!
WAS IT THAT? OR SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING IN THAT HOUSE? SOMETHING MORE FRIGHTENING THAN ANYTHING IN HIS PICS!
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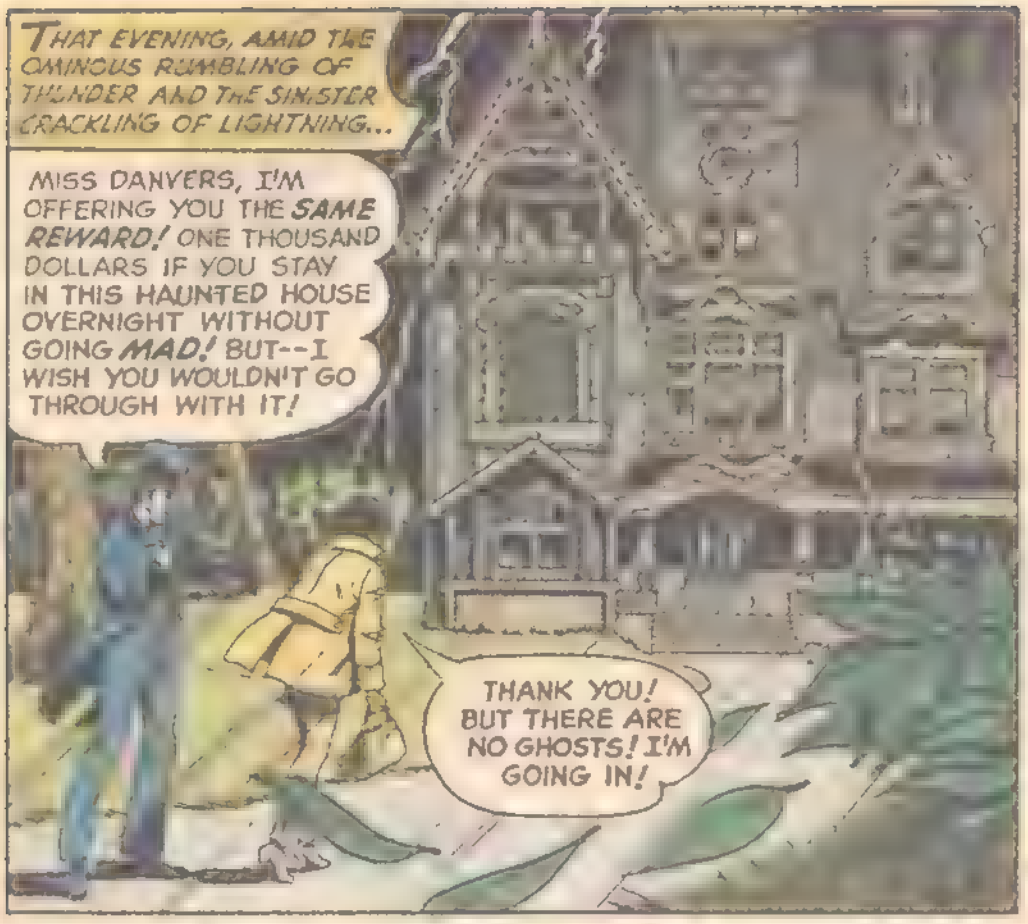
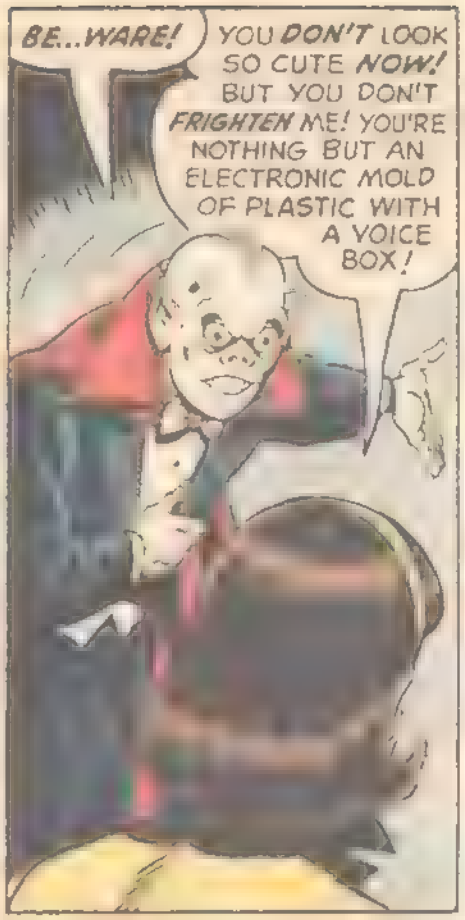
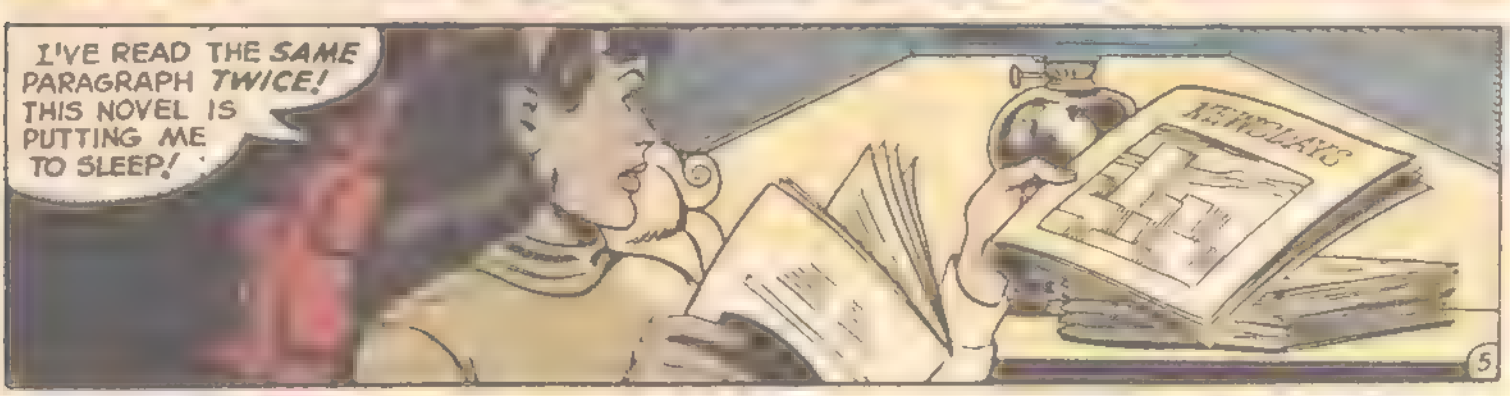

THAT EVENING, AMID THE OMINOUS RUMBLING OF THUNDER AND THE SINISTER CRACKLING OF LIGHTNING...
MISS DANVERS, I'M OFFERING YOU THE SAME REWARD! ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU STAY IN THIS HAUNTED HOUSE OVERNIGHT WITHOUT GOING MAD! BUT--I WISH YOU WOULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!
THANK YOU! BUT THERE ARE NO GHOSTS! I'M GOING IN!


BE...WARE!
YOU DON'T LOOK SO CUTE NOW! BUT YOU DON'T FRIGHTEN ME! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN ELECTRONIC MOLD OF PLASTIC WITH A VOICE BOX!

IF A PAINTING COULD SPEAK, MAYBE YOU COULD UNLOCK THE MYSTERY OF THIS HOUSE... AND REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO DRIVE THE POOR ACTOR MAD! BUT YOU'RE NOT A TALKING PICTURE!

LATER...
THE POOR ACTOR LEFT THE TV SET ON... I'LL TURN IT OFF... STAY HERE ALL NIGHT! AND WAIT FOR WHAT'S TO COME! MMMM... GHOST-BREAKING IS MAKING ME BREAK MY DIET!

I'VE DROPPED THE SAME STITCH THREE TIMES IN A ROW! I'D BETTER SWITCH TO READING!


I'VE READ THE SAME PARAGRAPH TWICE! THIS NOVEL IS PUTTING ME TO SLEEP!
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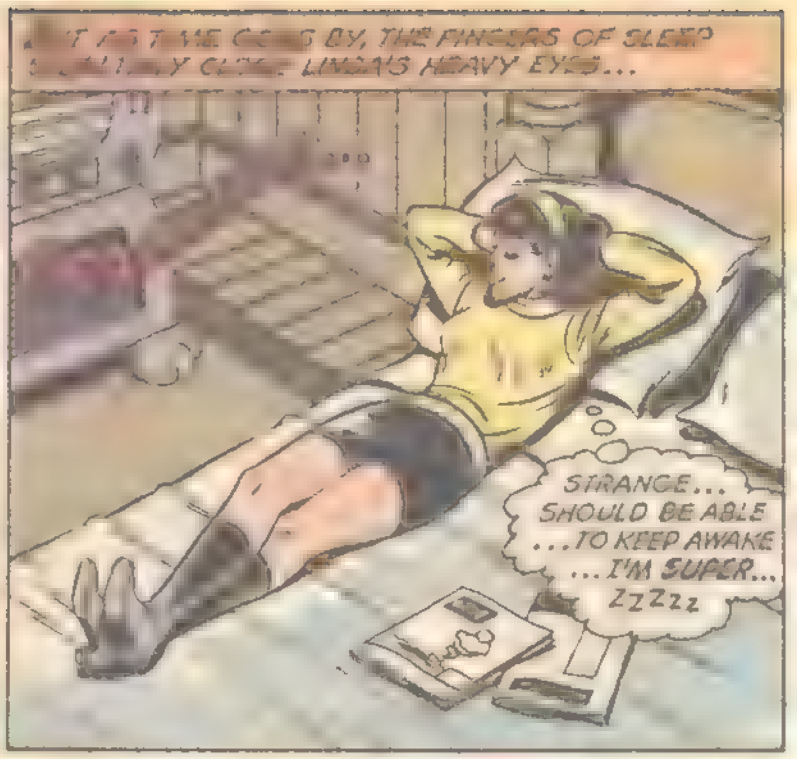
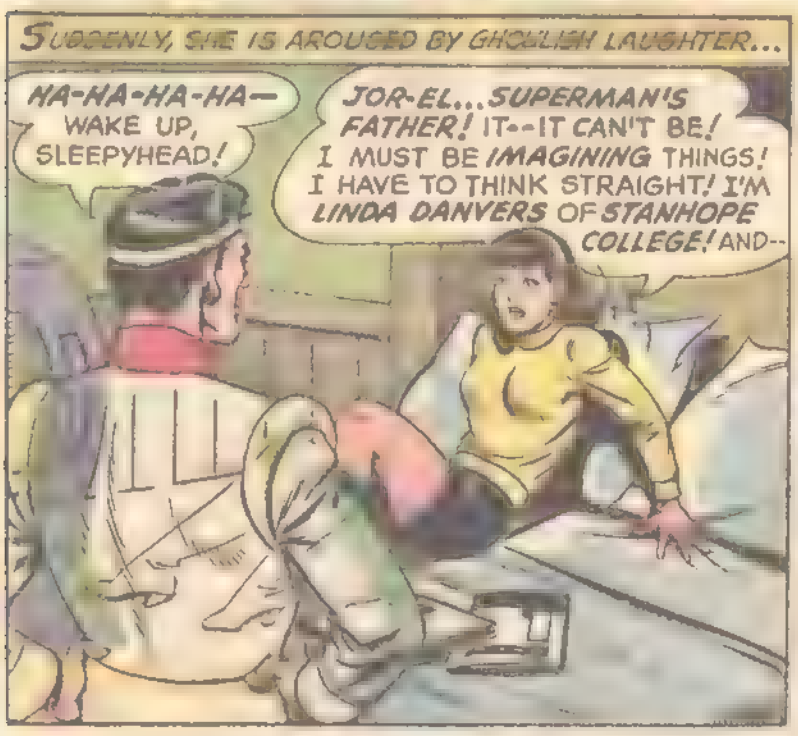
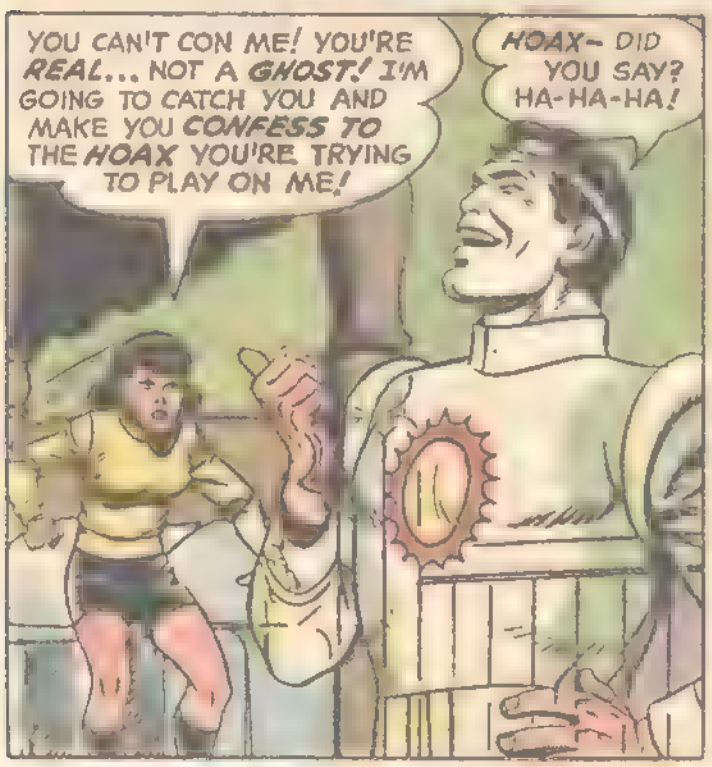
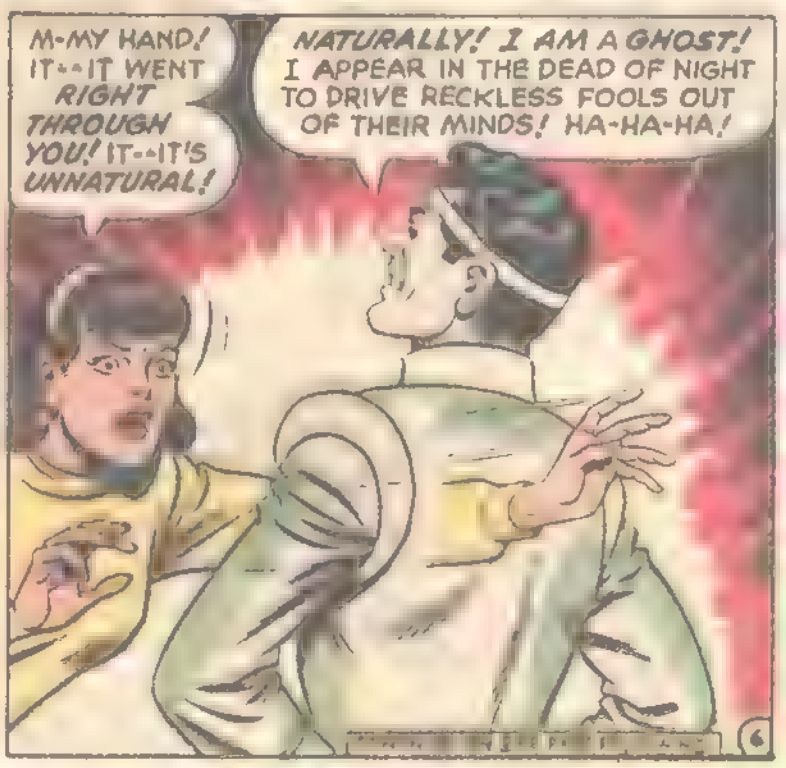
IT'S TIME FOR THE LATE, LATE SHOW! THERE'S A GOOD MOVIE ON...I CAN KILL A COUPLE OF HOURS WATCHING IT!


AS TIME GOES BY, THE FINGERS OF SLEEP GENTLY CLOSE LINDA'S HEAVY EYES...
STRANGE... SHOULD BE ABLE ...TO KEEP AWAKE ...I'M SUPER... ZzZzz


SUDDENLY, SHE IS AROUSED BY GHOULISH LAUGHTER...
HA-HA-HA-HA— WAKE UP, SLEEPYHEAD!
JOR-EL...SUPERMAN'S FATHER! IT--IT CAN'T BE! I MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS! I HAVE TO THINK STRAIGHT! I'M LINDA DANVERS OF STANHOPE COLLEGE! AND--

LINDA DANVERS IS YOUR EARTH IDENTITY! YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY SUPERGIRL! YOU MAY FOOL THE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! HA-HA-HA!


YOU CAN'T CON ME! YOU'RE REAL... NOT A GHOST! I'M GOING TO CATCH YOU AND MAKE YOU CONFESS TO THE HOAX YOU'RE TRYING TO PLAY ON ME!
HOAX— DID YOU SAY? HA-HA-HA!


M-MY HAND! IT--IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH YOU! IT--IT'S UNNATURAL!
NATURALLY! I AM A GHOST! I APPEAR IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT TO DRIVE RECKLESS FOOLS OUT OF THEIR MINDS! HA-HA-HA!

LOOK SHARP! LOOK UP!
LOOK OUT!
BEHIND YOU! ABOVE YOU—ALL AROUND YOU!
IT'S THE
BOOM TUBE!
AND ALL ITS AWESOME WONDERS COMING TO NATIONAL '70!
PEOPLE! PLACES! THINGS!
SO POWERFUL IN CONCEPT—IT'S ALMOST TERRIFYING!

DESPITE LINDA'S FRANTIC EFFORTS...
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
JOR-EL'S DISAPPEARING...
...SLIPPING RIGHT THROUGH MY FINGERS...
...LIKE MOCKING MOONLIGHT!
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS! BUT THAT THING--WHATEVER IT WAS--KNEW MY OTHER IDENTITY! SO I MIGHT AS WELL CHANGE INTO MY COSTUME, TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER MAY COME!
FIRST--I'M GOING TO CHECK THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE TO SEE IF ANYONE'S LURKING OUT HERE!
NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT! I'LL SEARCH THE CHIMNEYS! THERE COULD BE SOMEONE HIDING INSIDE ONE OF THEM!
I'VE JUST MADE A CHECK OF ALL THE CHIMNEYS! THEY'RE EMPTY!... BUT--WHAT'S THIS?
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AND SUPERGIRL'S HEART POUNDS--BUT NOT BECAUSE OF THE FEARSOME BEAST CONFRONTING HER...
IT'S THE THOUGHT-BEAST, FROM KRYPTON'S SCARLET JUNGLE! THE SIGHT OF ME MUST HAVE BROUGHT BACK A SURGE OF MEMORIES OF ITS CORNERING MY REAL MOTHER AND FATHER!
IT'S UNREELING THE INCIDENT ON ITS MIND-SCREEN!
BURNING TEARS MELT THE GIRL OF STEEL'S HEART, AS...
I--I KNOW THEY'RE ALIVE AND WELL IN THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR! BUT THE PICTURE LOOKS SO REAL--I FEEL I COULD ACTUALLY TOUCH THEM... RESCUE THEM... IF I JUST REACHED OUT!
MOTHER... DAD... THEY DON'T HEAR ME! THEY'RE ONLY UNREAL VISIONS!
SUDDENLY, FACT AND FANTASY TWIST IN THE AGONIZED SUPERGIRL'S MIND!
LET THEM GO! LET THEM ALONE!
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THUD
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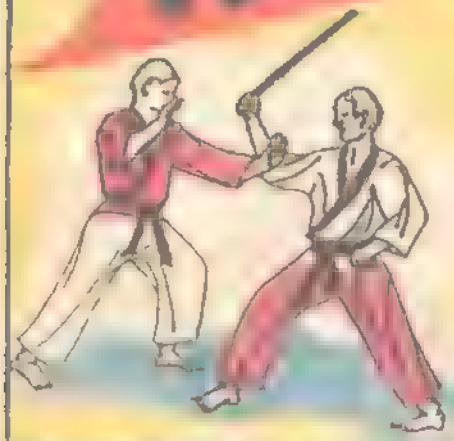

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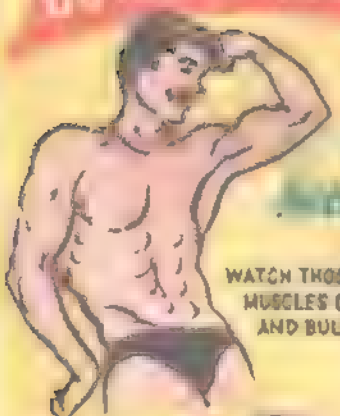

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THEN... A YEARSON'E CHANGE...
THE THOUGHT-BEAST IS SWITCHING ITS THOUGHTS TO ME... TELEGRAPHING ITS INTENTIONS! AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ON ITS MENU!
I KNOW THE THOUGHT-BEAST'S MORE POWERFUL THAN I AM... AND IT HAS SUPER-POWERS ON EARTH! BUT LET'S SEE HOW IT WITHSTANDS A LIGHT CHARGE OF MY HEAT VISION. MERELY ENOUGH, SAY, TO TURN AN ICEBERG INTO A SHERBET!
BUT I DON'T CARE WHAT IT DOES TO ME! AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO RELIVE THE DEADLY PERIL IN WHICH THE BEAST PLACED MY PARENTS! EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THEY FINALLY ESCAPED--I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE THEM THREATENED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE BRUTE'S MELTING FASTER THAN A CAKE OF SOAP UNDER A JET OF SCALDING WATER!
GOING... GOING... GOING...
...GONE!

LOST IN THE DIN OF THUNDER AND THE CLASHING OF LIGHTNING OUTSIDE, SUPERGIRL'S VOICE PEALS IN WILD LAUGHTER...

RRRUMMMBLE... CRAAAAACK...

I MUST BE GOING *OUT OF MY MIND!* HA-HA-HA! I'VE BEEN FIGHTING *SHADOWS!*

CLUTCHING AT *JOR-EL*... A *DEAD* MAN! HA-HA-HA! AND THE *THOUGHT-BEAST*— A *KRYPTONIAN* MONSTER! HA-HA-HA!

AND THERE'S *NO ONE* HERE BUT *ME!* HA-HA-HA! BUT--*NOW* DO I KNOW *I'M* REAL! MAYBE *I'M* A *GHOST*, TOO! HA-HA-HA!

SUDDENLY, A SINISTER TRIO MATERIALIZES...

WHAT? *MORE* COMPANY? HA-HA-HA! SORRY! I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY REFRESHMENTS! I *ATE* ALL THE CHOCOLATE BARS I BROUGHT! HA-HA-HA!

WE'VE SHATTERED *SUPERGIRL'S* MIND... JUST AS WE DID THE ACTOR'S!

SHE'S *HELPLESS* ...A GIBBERING *SUPER-WRECK!*

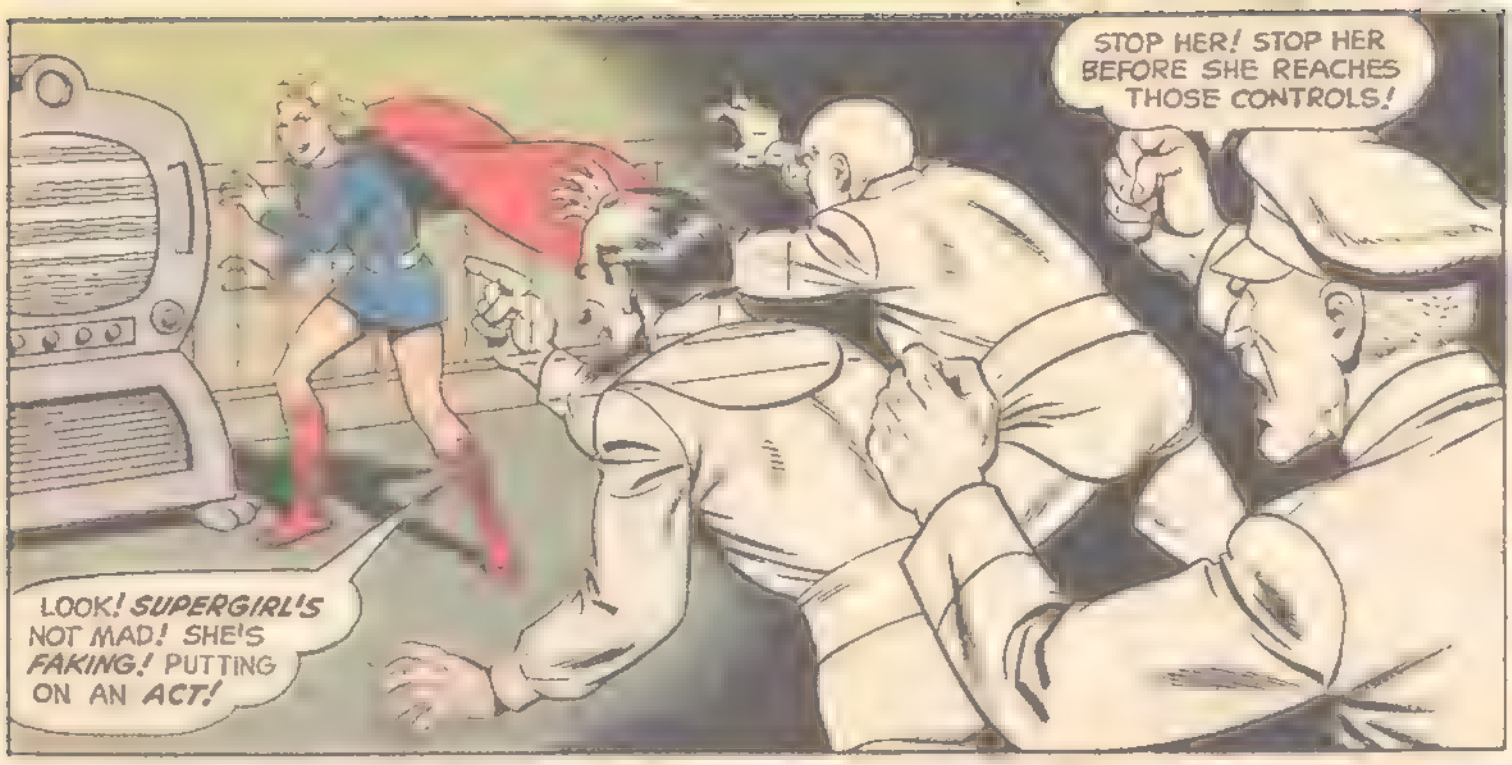
WE'LL TAKE HER BACK WITH US! SHE'S *POWERLESS!* AS LIMP AS A RAG DOLL!

WHO'S LIMP? THIS LITTLE RAG DOLL CAN DANCE *ALL NIGHT!* COME ON! I'LL SHOW YOU! LET'S SWING! HA-HA-HA!

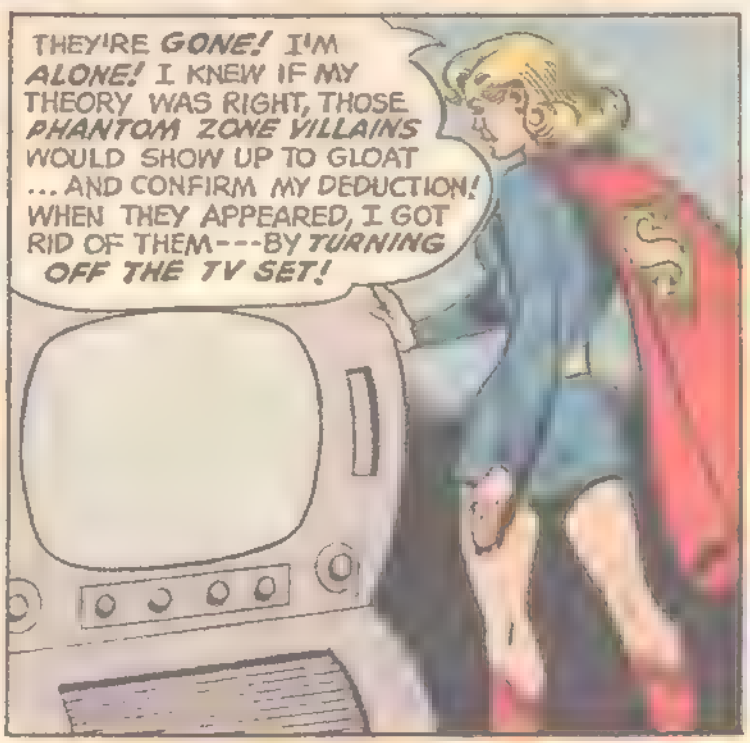
DOLL IS *RIGHT* ...HER BRAIN HAS TURNED TO *SAWDUST!*

SWING-- SWING! BE LOOSE!

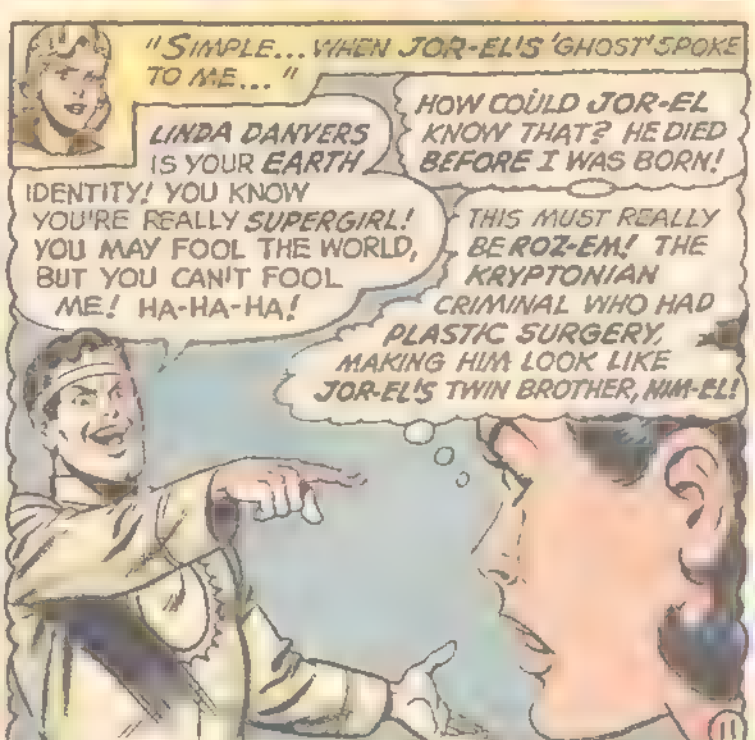
HA! LOOK AT HER! SHE'S GOING *WILD!*


STOP HER! STOP HER BEFORE SHE REACHES THOSE CONTROLS!
LOOK! SUPERGIRL'S NOT MAD! SHE'S FAKING! PUTTING ON AN ACT!

CLICK!
YOU'RE TOO LATE! GOODBYE, JAX-UR, KRU-EL AND GENERAL ZOD!
SHE TRICKED US INTO GIVING OURSELVES AWAY... AND WE CAN'T TOUCH HER TO STOP HER!


THEY'RE GONE! I'M ALONE! I KNEW IF MY THEORY WAS RIGHT, THOSE PHANTOM ZONE VILLAINS WOULD SHOW UP TO GLOAT ... AND CONFIRM MY DEDUCTION! WHEN THEY APPEARED, I GOT RID OF THEM---BY TURNING OFF THE TV SET!

BUT JUST THEN...
≑GASP!≑ THE MISSING INVENTOR-- AMOS AMESWELL!
VERY CLEVER, SUPERGIRL! THERE WASN'T A SINGLE CLUE! HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT THE WAY TO GET RID OF THE "GHOSTS"?


"SIMPLE... WHEN JOR-EL'S 'GHOST' SPOKE TO ME..."
LINDA DANVERS IS YOUR EARTH IDENTITY! YOU KNOW YOU'RE REALLY SUPERGIRL! YOU MAY FOOL THE WORLD, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME! HA-HA-HA!
HOW COULD JOR-EL KNOW THAT? HE DIED BEFORE I WAS BORN!
THIS MUST REALLY BE ROZ-EM! THE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINAL WHO HAD PLASTIC SURGERY, MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE JOR-EL'S TWIN BROTHER, NIM-EL!

ROZ-EM WAS BANISHED TO THE PHANTOM ZONE, ALONG WITH OTHER KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS! HOW COULD HE ESCAPE?

HMM... HE APPEARED ONLY AFTER I TURNED ON THE TV SET! THAT'S THE ANSWER! THE SET WAS CUSTOM-BUILT BY AMESWELL! IT WAS ONE OF HIS INVENTIONS!

THE SET'S ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCIES MUST HAVE BEAMED FAR OUT INTO SPACE!

"THE UHF FORMED AN ESCAPE-CORRIDOR FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE... THROUGH WHICH CRIMINALS, WITH THE MASSED ENERGY OF HYPER-CONCENTRATION, MADE THEMSELVES VISIBLE... BUT NOT TANGIBLE!"

WE DROVE THE ACTOR MAD WITH THE ILLUSIONS WE MATERIALIZED THROUGH THE SET... PLUS OUR GHOST ACT! BUT THAT HAM JUST PLAYED THE BIGGEST SCENE OF HIS CAREER! HE SHOULD GET AN OSCAR FOR IT! HA-HA!

EEEAAAA!

THIS SHOULD CAUSE SUPERGIRL TO INVESTIGATE! AND WE'LL GET REVENGE FOR THE WAY SHE BEAT US WHEN WE ESCAPED FROM THE ZONE ONCE!

THEY ALSO USED THEIR TELEPATHIC POWERS TO PUT ME TO SLEEP... AND TO CREATE THE IMAGE OF THE THOUGHT-BEAST! NOW I'LL SMASH THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE FOR GOOD!

SMAASH

BUT I'M STILL HERE, SUPERGIRL! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME? EVEN YOU CAN'T FIGHT... DEATH!

SWISH!!

WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? HAVE YOU GONE MAD?

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ONE MENACE IS GONE... BUT NOW THE HEART OF MIDNIGHT FACES AN INCREASE IN TERROR WHO KNOWS HER SECRET IDENTITY! WHAT NEW DANGERS WILL THIS MEAN FOR SUPERGIRL? YOU'LL FIND OUT IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ADVENTURE!

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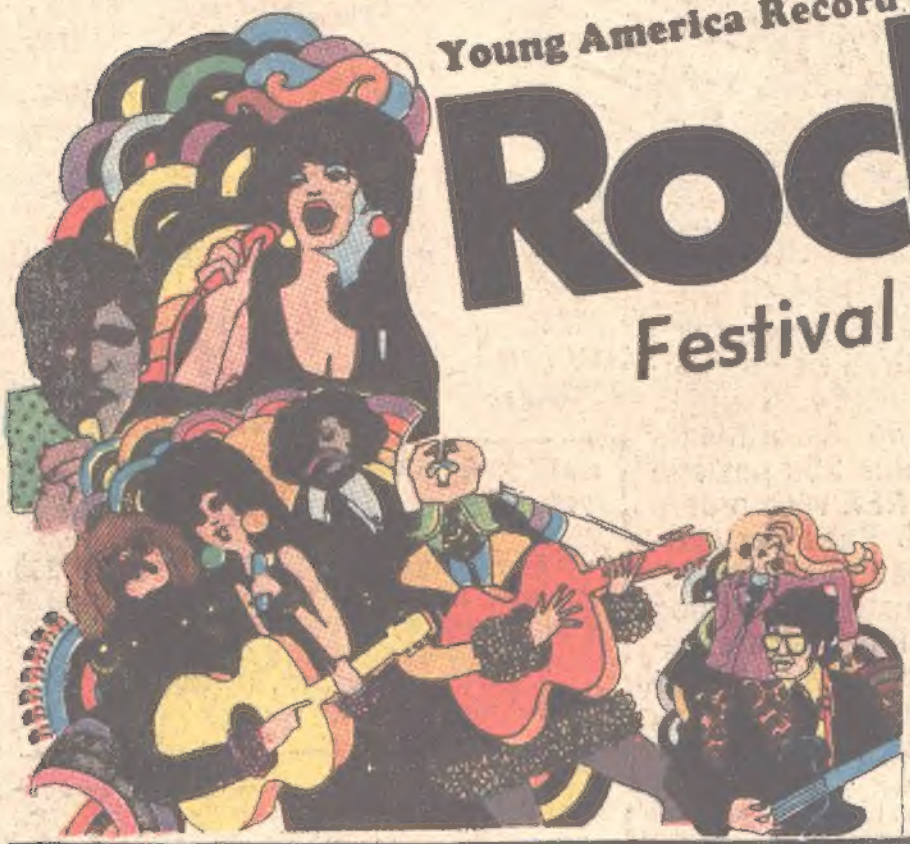

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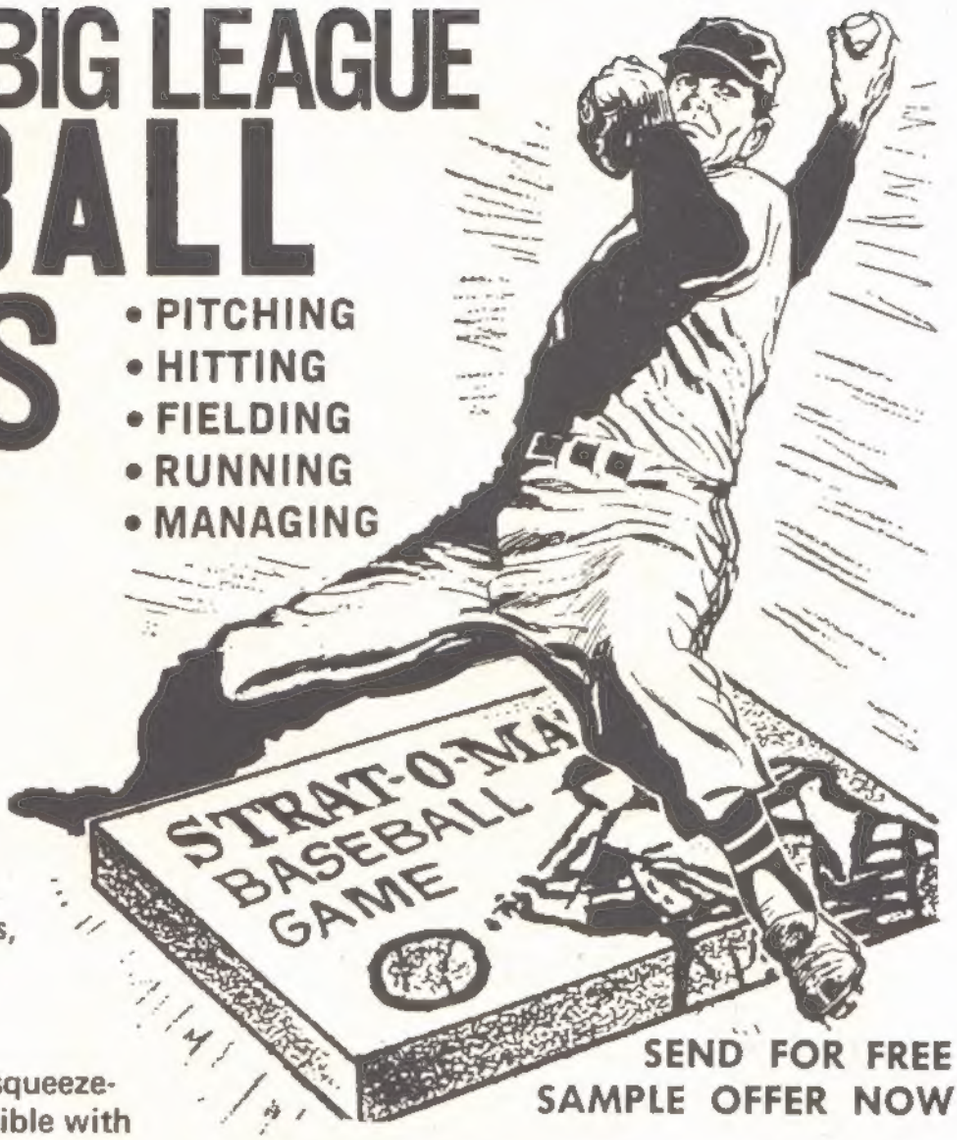

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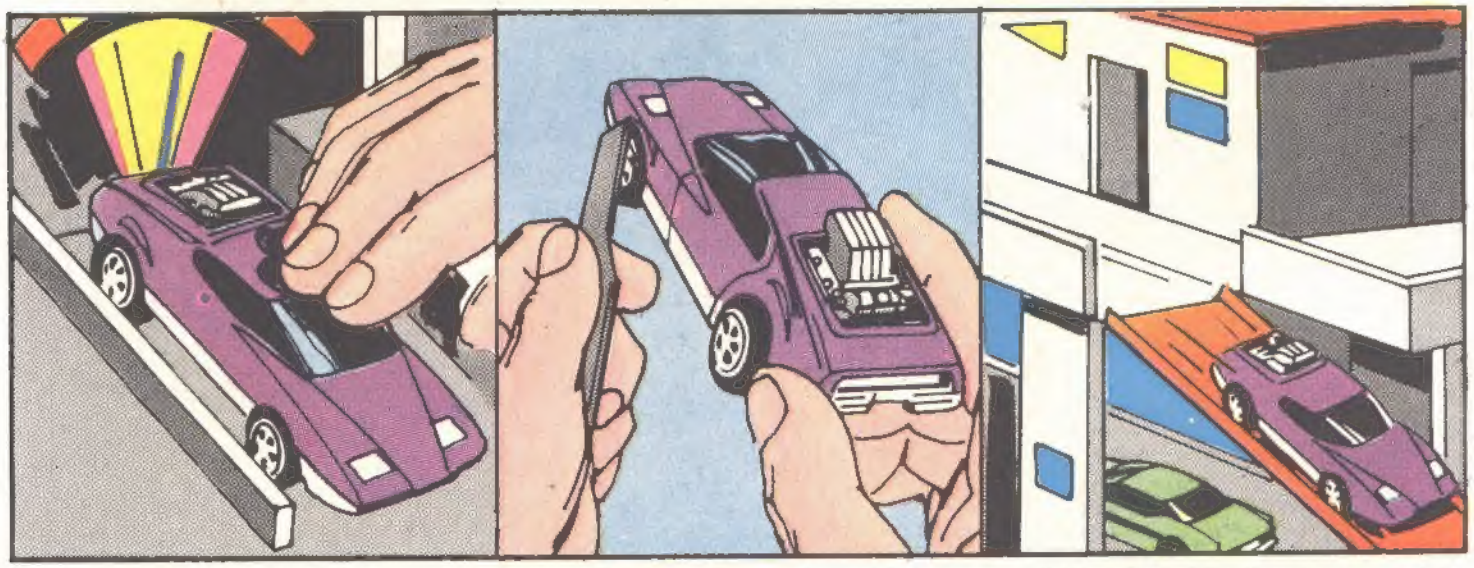

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